young king comics

ブロッケンブラッド II

塩野干支郎次
ETOROUJI SHIONO Presents

Shurutsu Kenichi remembers his child-hood days with his friends.
They would gather along a neighbor-hood riverbed.
He recalls an elementary school summer spent clumsily chasing white balls...
Today, as a 15-year-old high school student...
He is...
BROKEN BLOOD II
ブロッケンブラッド
第1話

BROCKEN
ブロッケン
NOW, KEN-CHAN!
EVERYONE IN THE STADIUM IS WAITING FOR YOU!!

BLOOD II
ブラッド
第1話
Presented by
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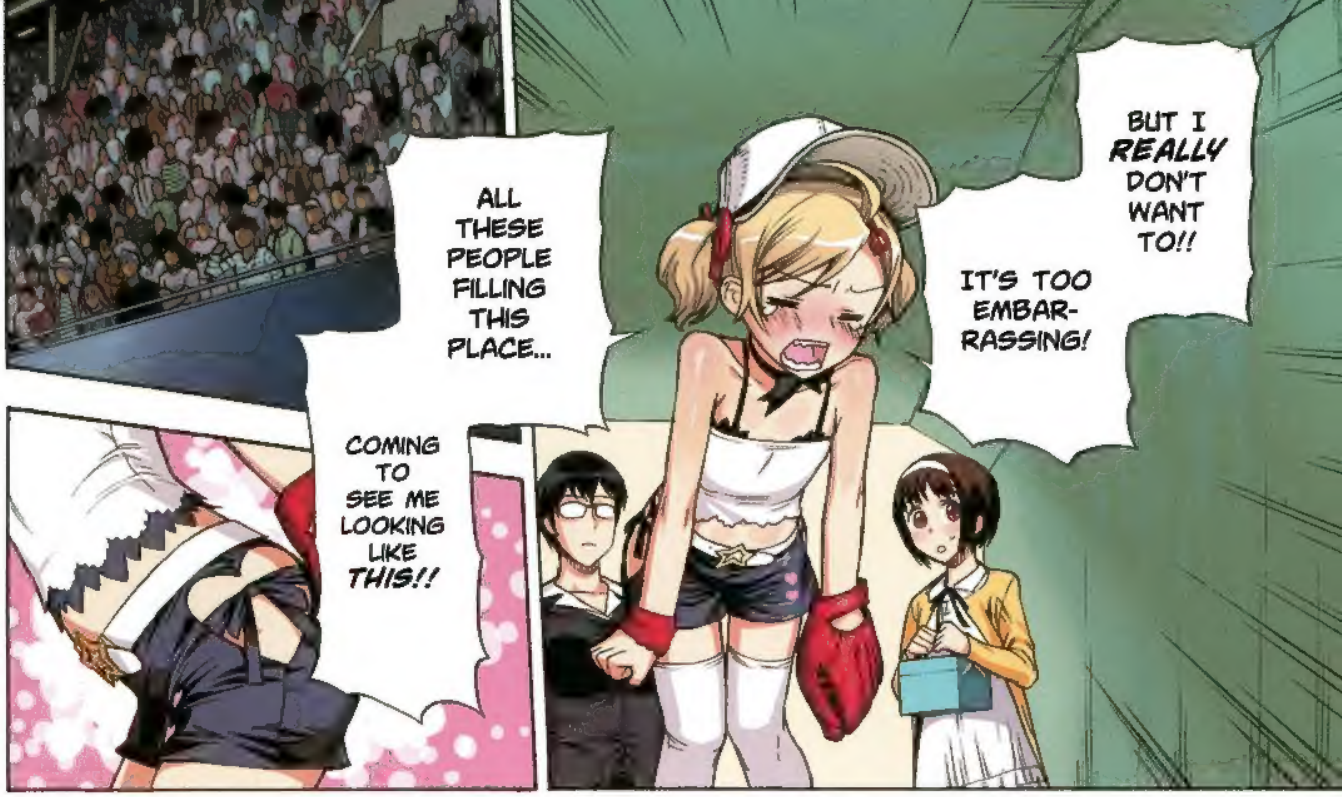
ETOROUJI SHIONO
...about to take the mound for the ceremonial first pitch
as the super-popular female middle school idol Neuschwan-stein Sakurako!


ALL THESE PEOPLE FILLING THIS PLACE...
COMING TO SEE ME LOOKING LIKE THIS!!
IT'S TOO EMBAR-RASSING!
BUT I REALLY DON'T WANT TO!!

AAAAUGH!!
YOU'VE APPEARED IN MUCH MORE EMBARRASSING OUTFITS ON TV, AND THOSE WERE SEEN BY UNTOLD MILLIONS OF VIEWERS, RIGHT?
WHAT ARE YOU SO SQUEAMISH ABOUT NOW?

17th Century German alchemist Johan Schultz fathered a lineage of artificial witches.
They became known as the "Brocken Bloodline."
Johan's descendants include Shurutsu Kenichi...
...along with his elder cousin Yomoda Rena...
...and her daughter, Yomoda Asuka.
Kenichi continues to fight to prevent alchemists from abusing his bloodline's power.

TRANSFORM!
Umgestaltung
He does it by transforming into a magical girl heroine!!
UGH...
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS LIFE!
DEPRESSED

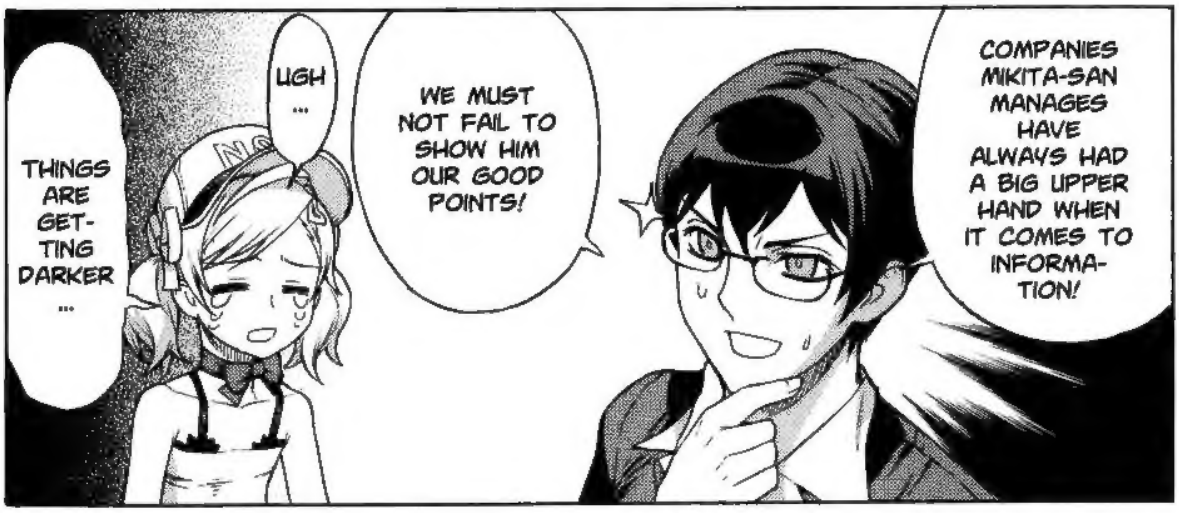
THINK ABOUT THE MISSION.
THE BRAND-NEW PRO BASEBALL TEAM, NORTH JAPAN'S BLOODY BATS...
THEY'RE JUST STARTING OUT, AND THEY'VE BEEN PLAGUED BY A STRING OF MYSTERIOUS INCIDENTS...

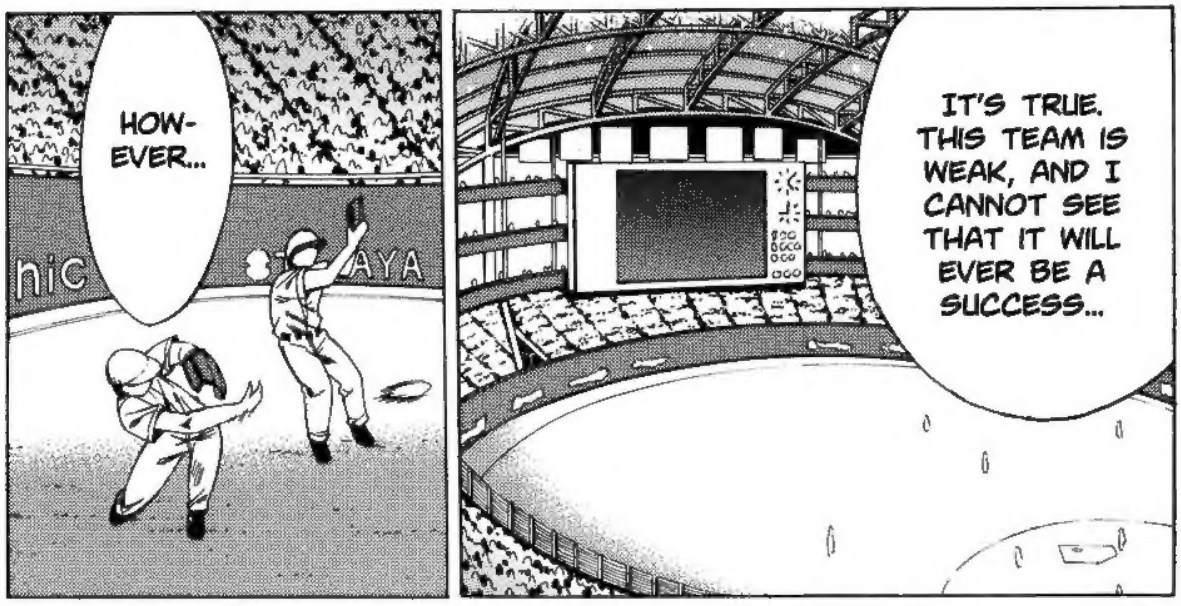
IT'D BE BETTER TO INFILTRATE AS ONE OF THE BEHIND-THE-SCENES STAFF!
WHY AM I HERE AS AN IDOL WHO CAME JUST TO THROW THE OPENING PITCH?!
WE NEEDED KEN-CHAN'S CHARMING AND BEAUTIFUL INFILTRATION!
TO SOLVE THIS CASE...
AN IMPORTANT PERSON WAS SO IMPRESSED BY TODAY'S TURNOUT...
THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY, KEN-CHAN.
WHY IS MAKING ME CROSS-DRESS THE FIRST THING ON YOUR MIND?!
NO!
WOULD IT HAVE BEEN BETTER TO COME AS A CHEER-LEADER?
ACK! NOT ENOUGH FABRIC !!
ROLL ROLL
ガラガラッ
I'VE ALREADY PREPARED COSTUMES FOR EACH DAY!
TURN IT DOWN !!
WHAT WOULD YOU THINK IF HE BOOKED SAKURAKO-CHAN FOR THE WHOLE, SIX-GAME SERIES?!

KEN-CHAN... HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN YOU HAVE A "MISSION" YOU MUST ACCOMPLISH?!
?!
I DON'T WANT TO!!
I ABSOLUTELY WON'T WEAR THOSE SCRAPS!
I'M OUT OF HERE!
YOU CAN'T, KEN-CHAN!
THE MISSION TO SUCCESSFULLY RELEASE 12 MONTHLY NEUSCHWANSTEIN SAKURAKO SINGLES!
THAT'S THE FIRST I'VE HEARD OF IT !!

KEN-CHAN, YOU CAN KEEP BUSY WITH CAMPAIGNING!
DON'T WORRY! WE'LL HAVE ASUKA RECORD THE SINGING!
UGH ...
YOU'LL BANKRUPT THAT COMPANY!
DON'T GAMBLE !!
THIS CAMPAIGN HAS THE RECORD COMPANY'S FORTUNE RIDING ON IT!
THAT PRESIDENT IS QUITE THE GAMBLER...
AH...
UM...
LOOK AT ME!
THIS LOOKS WEIRD, RIGHT RIGHT ?!
ASUKA, YOU SHOULD SAY SOMETHING!
EH?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, ASUKA ...?
IT'S A HOMERUN!
I... I...
KENICHI-SAN... LIKE THE ONES FROM BEFORE, TODAY'S OUTFIT REALLY SUITS YOU...
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

THE TEAM OWNER, MIKITA-SAN, IS HERE TO WATCH...
SAKURAKO♡
ARGH! I DON'T CARE ABOUT THIS UNKNOWN TEAM!
THEY SHOULD JUST GET CRUSH-ED!
YOU CAN'T SAY THAT, KEN-CHAN!


COMPANIES MIKITA-SAN MANAGES HAVE ALWAYS HAD A BIG UPPER HAND WHEN IT COMES TO INFORMA-TION!
WE MUST NOT FAIL TO SHOW HIM OUR GOOD POINTS!
UGH ...
THINGS ARE GET-TING DARKER ...


IT'S TRUE. THIS TEAM IS WEAK, AND I CANNOT SEE THAT IT WILL EVER BE A SUCCESS...
HOW-EVER...
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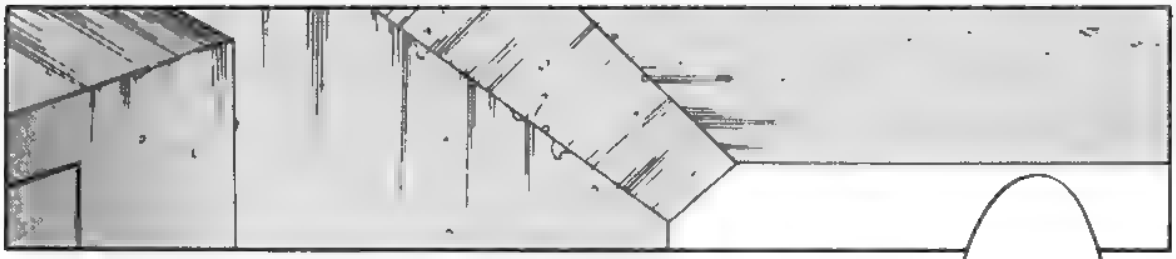
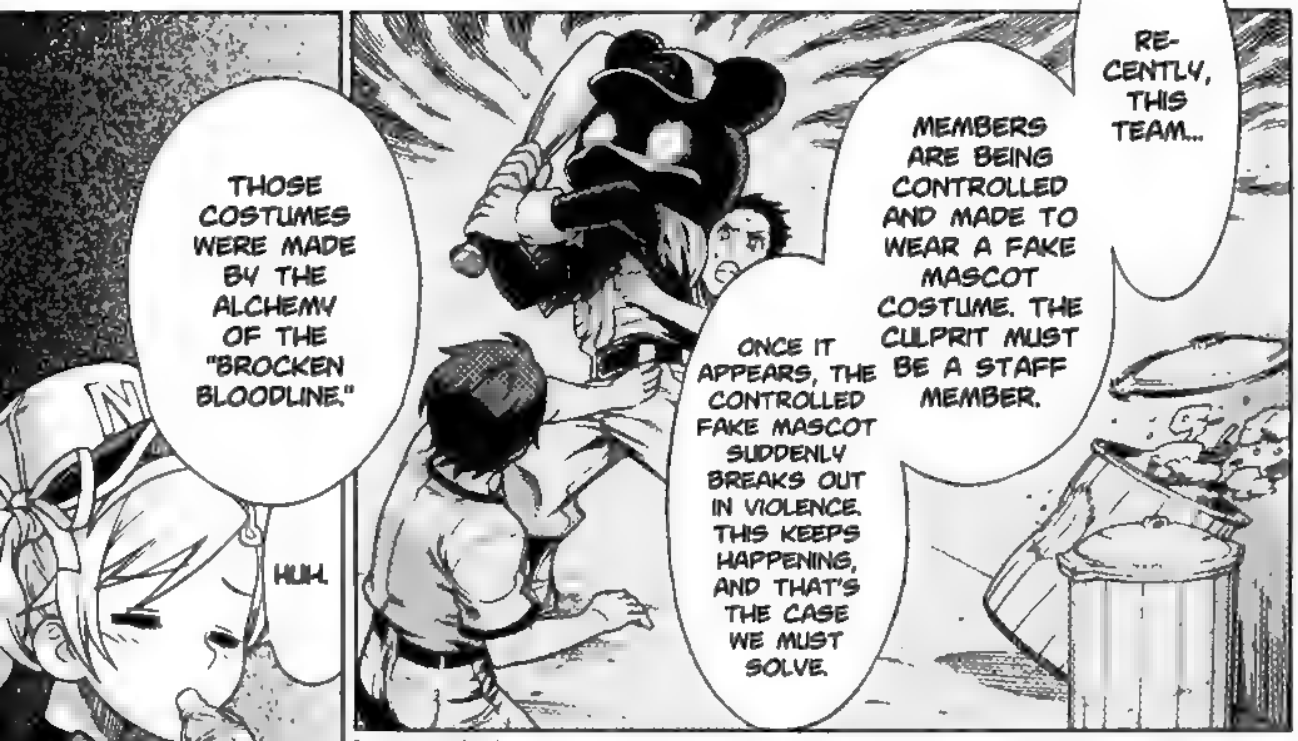
AYA

I DON'T WANT TO BE DOING THIS FOR THAT LONG!!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
IN TWO YEARS...
I CAN SEE YOU AS THE TALENT THROWING THE OPENING PITCH FOR A TEAM AIMING FOR THE CHAMPION-SHIP!



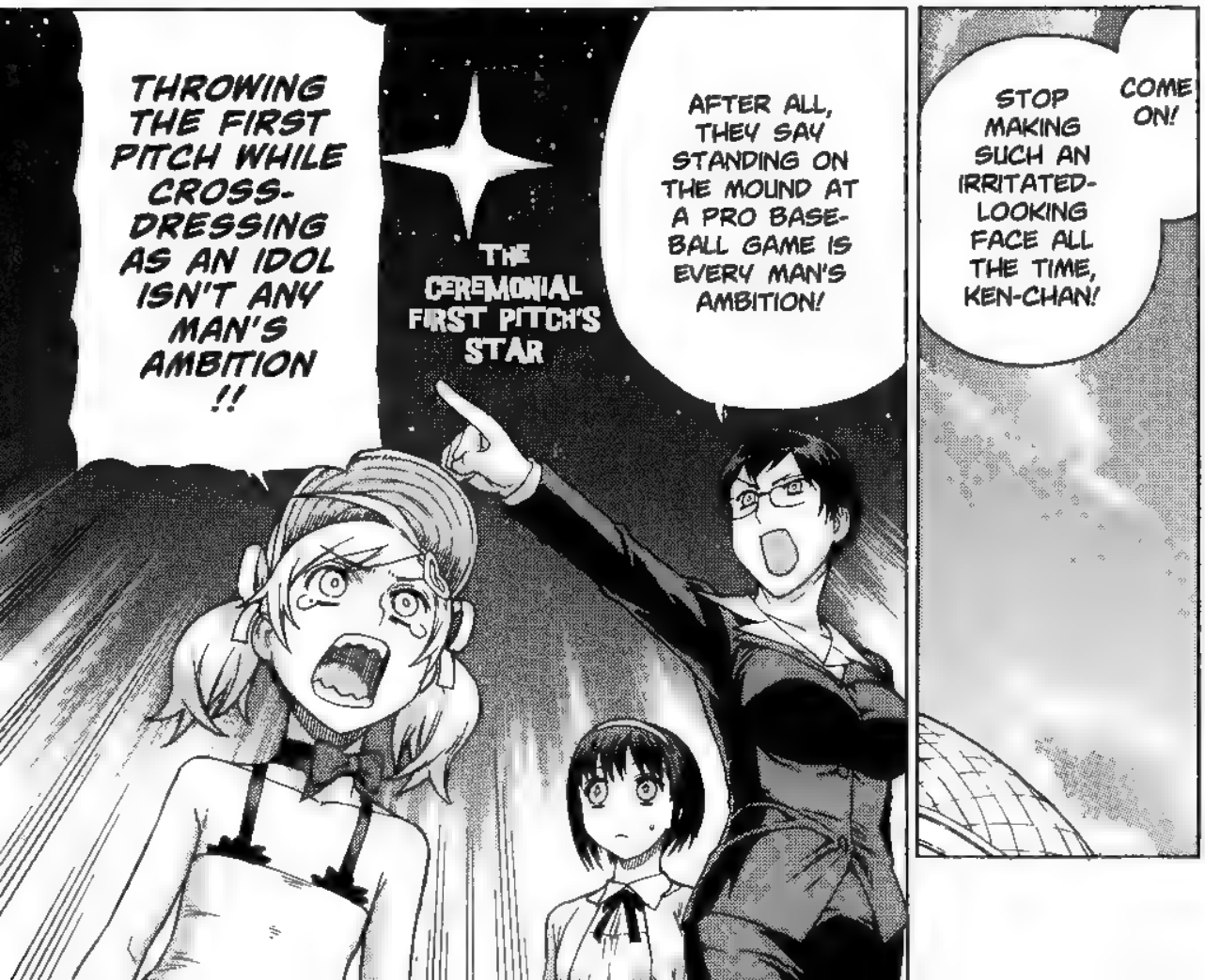

THOSE COSTUMES WERE MADE BY THE ALCHEMY OF THE "BROCKEN BLOODLINE."
HUH.
ONCE IT APPEARS, THE CONTROLLED FAKE MASCOT SUDDENLY BREAKS OUT IN VIOLENCE. THIS KEEPS HAPPENING, AND THAT'S THE CASE WE MUST SOLVE.
MEMBERS ARE BEING CONTROLLED AND MADE TO WEAR A FAKE MASCOT COSTUME. THE CULPRIT MUST BE A STAFF MEMBER.
RE-CENTLY, THIS TEAM...

BOTTLE: GREEN TEA

BLOODY BATS
INCIDENTALLY, THIS IS THE TEAM'S MASCOT, "MIKITA-KUN."
SPEW

ONLY BARELY !!
BUT IT DEFINITELY USES A BAT AS A MOTIF.
HE MAY LOOK LIKE A MOUSE AT FIRST GLANCE...

LET'S PLAY SOCCER!
WE'RE JUST GOING TO LOSE TODAY, ANYWAY.
OF COURSE, THE REAL MIKITA-KUN MASCOT HAS NO PERSON INSIDE...
...THOSE ARE SOME PRETTY CHEAP "HOPES AND DREAMS."
ONLY BASEBALL FAN'S HOPES AND DREAMS. (THAT'S THE OFFICIAL STORY.)
HE'S GETTING THE BALL GIRL INVOLVED, TOO...


THROWING THE FIRST PITCH WHILE CROSS-DRESSING AS AN IDOL ISN'T ANY MAN'S AMBITION !!
THE CEREMONIAL FIRST PITCH'S STAR
AFTER ALL, THEY SAY STANDING ON THE MOUND AT A PRO BASEBALL GAME IS EVERY MAN'S AMBITION!
COME ON!
STOP MAKING SUCH AN IRRITATED-LOOKING FACE ALL THE TIME, KEN-CHAN!

AND HERE COMES OUR MAIN ATTRACTION!
FEMALE MIDDLE-SCHOOL IDOL NEUSCHWAN-STEIN SAKURAKO-CHAN IS ON HER WAY TO DELIVER THE CEREMONIAL FIRST PITCH!
YEAAAAAAAA

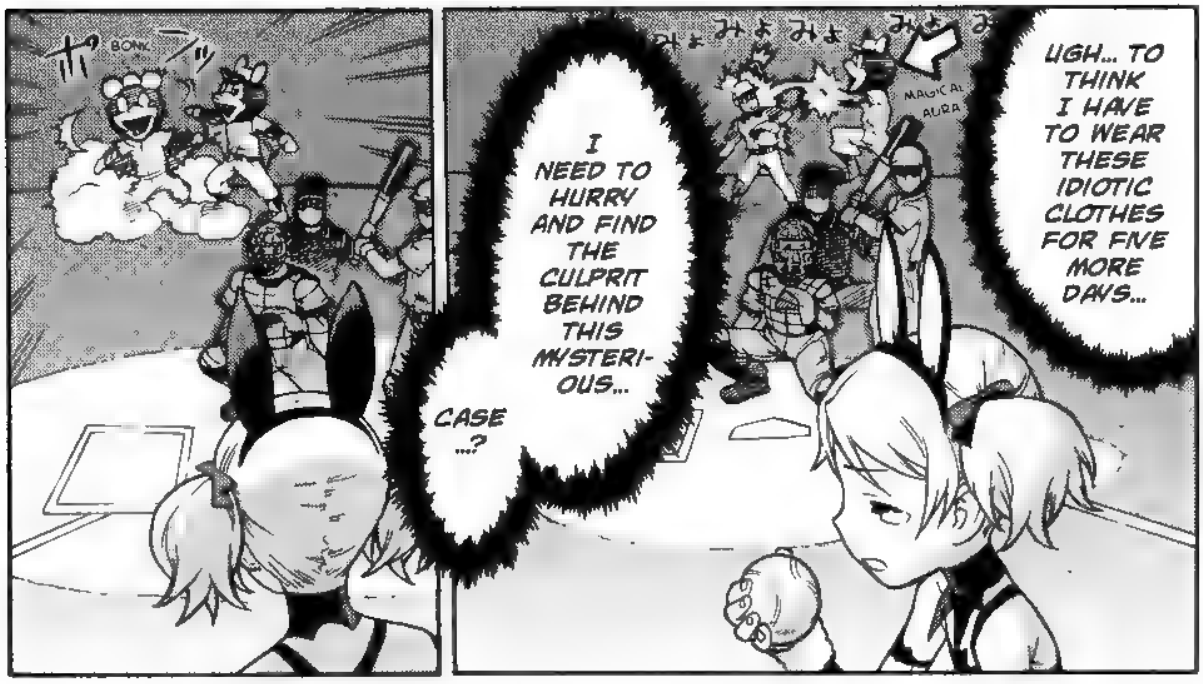
SCHWANS
AKURO
WOO-HOO!
LOVE
KYAAAA!
SAKURA-KO-CHAN!
ENDURE IT...!
THIS IS FOR THE INFILTRATION!
WOBBLE
UGH SO MANY PEOPLE...
I'M SO EMBARRASSED I CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT...
WOBBLE
PSSSH
?!
SMOKE HAS SUDDENLY APPEARED AROUND SAKURAKO-CHAN!
WHAT COULD THIS BE ...?!
SHE'S ON THE MOUND...
SAKURAKO-CHAN'S GOTTEN OUT OF THE RELIEF CAR...

TAA-DAA

OH! SUDDENLY, SAKURAKO-CHAN HAS TRANSFORMED ON THE MOUND!
NOW SHE'S IN A SEXY STYLE!!
WHAAAA ?!
THE STANDS HAVE THEIR GAZE NAILED TO THE MOUND!!
NICE ...
ISN'T THAT A BAT COSTUME TO MATCH THE BLOODY BATS?
I THINK YOU KNOW WHAT I THINK !!
THIS SURPRISE PRODUC-TION I'VE GIVEN YOU!!
HOW DO YOU LIKE IT, KEN-CHAN?!

I'M REALLY LEAV-ING!!
THIS IS IT!!
I AM SO OUT OF HERE!!
WH-WAIT, KEN-CHAN! YOU JUST NEED TO BEAR IT A LITTLE LONGER!!

YOU'RE INHU-MAN!!
I MEAN YOUR MISSION IS CLEAR!
JUST BY DOING THAT, TODAY'S PAYMENT...
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO PITCH THE BALL AND COME BACK!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CASE ...?
I NEED TO HURRY AND FIND THE CULPRIT BEHIND THIS MYSTERI-OUS...
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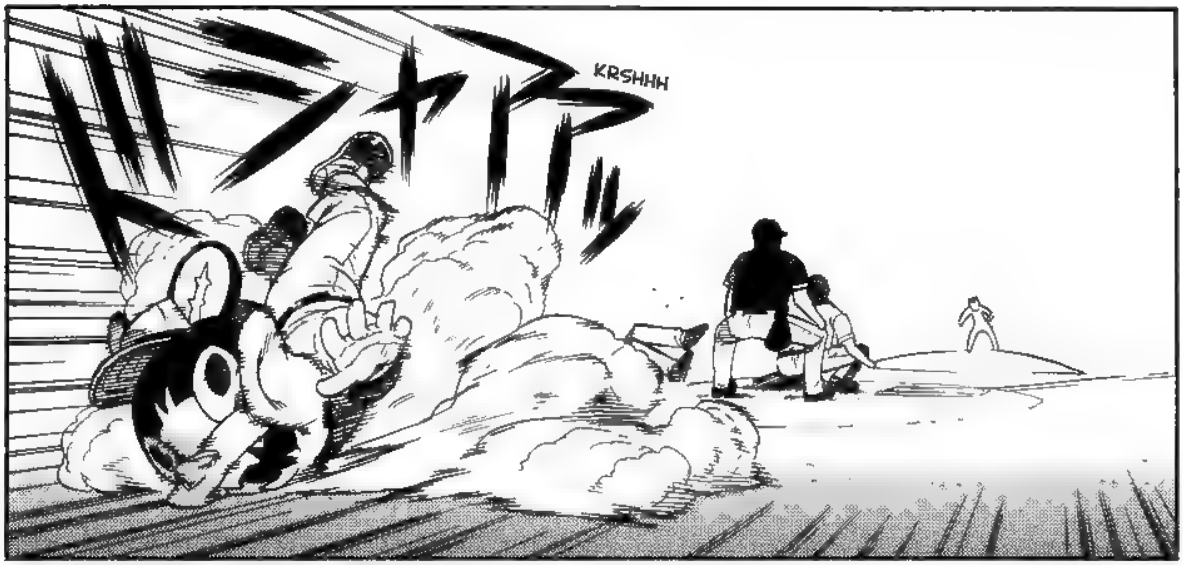
MAGICAL AURA
UGH... TO THINK I HAVE TO WEAR THESE IDIOTIC CLOTHES FOR FIVE MORE DAYS...

SWOOSH
SO YOU ARE THE ONE !!
SCRAPE
BAM
BLOODY BAT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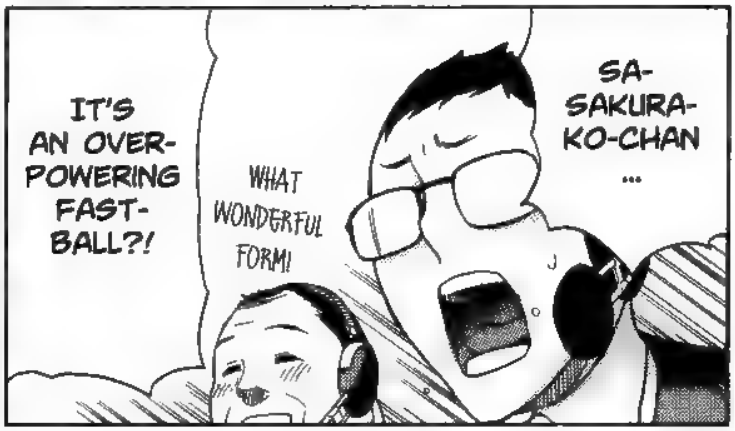
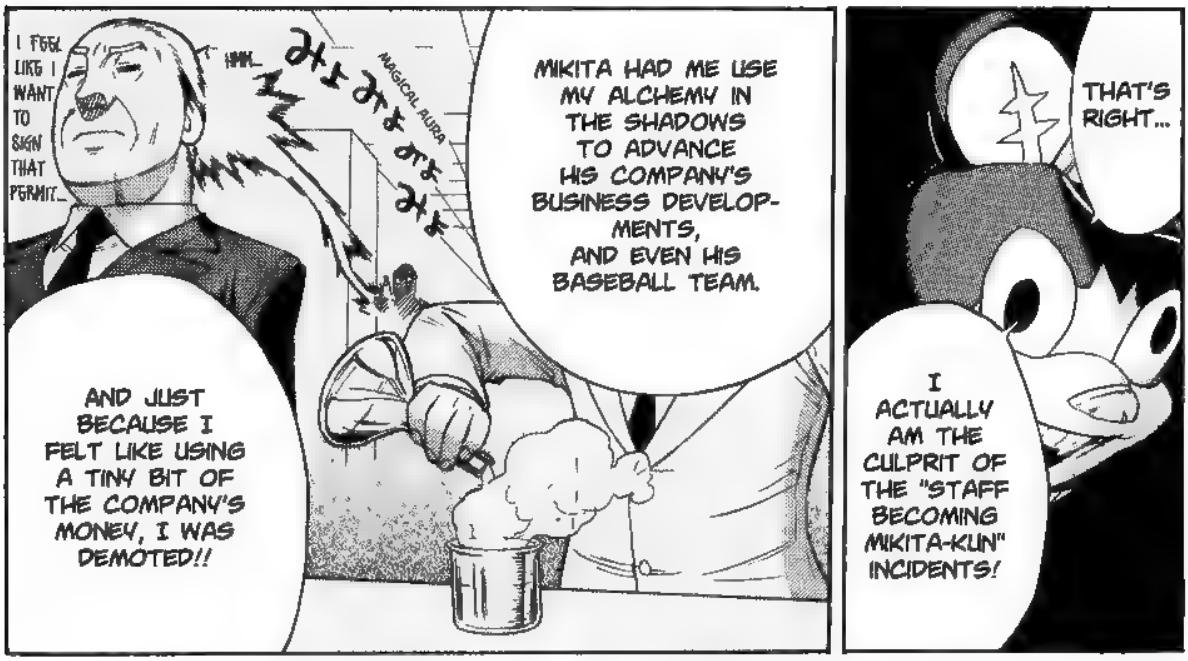

IT'S AN OVER-POWERING FAST-BALL?!
WHAT WONDERFUL FORM!
SA-SAKURA-KO-CHAN ...

THE CHIEF UMPIRE ...
THE CHIEF UMPIRE HAS BEEN SEIZED BY A MEMBER OF STAFF IN HIS CONFUSION!!
?!
THE CHIEF UMPIRE IS EXPELLING SAKURA-KO-CHAN FROM THE FIELD FOR THROWING A DANGEROUS BALL ?!
EJEC-TION !!
E...

SO THE CULPRIT BEHIND THIS MYSTERY CASE WAS YOU...
UM...
YOU IN THE SUIT!
HOLD IT!
SURPRISE
SHOCKED
...
SAKURAKO-CHAN IS ASSAULTING MIKITA-KUN THE MASCOT!!
WHAT'S HAP-PENED?
EEK!
THWACK
THWACK
THWACK
IT'S YOUR FAULT I HAVE TO...
LOOK LIKE THIS!!
ACCORDING TO RUMORS, YOU'RE HUNT-ING DOWN AL-CHEMISTS OF THE BROCKEN BLOODLINE!
SO IT'S TRUE, NEUSCHWAN-STEIN SAKURAKO ...
MRR...


I FEEL LIKE I WANT TO SIGN THAT PERMIT...
HMM...
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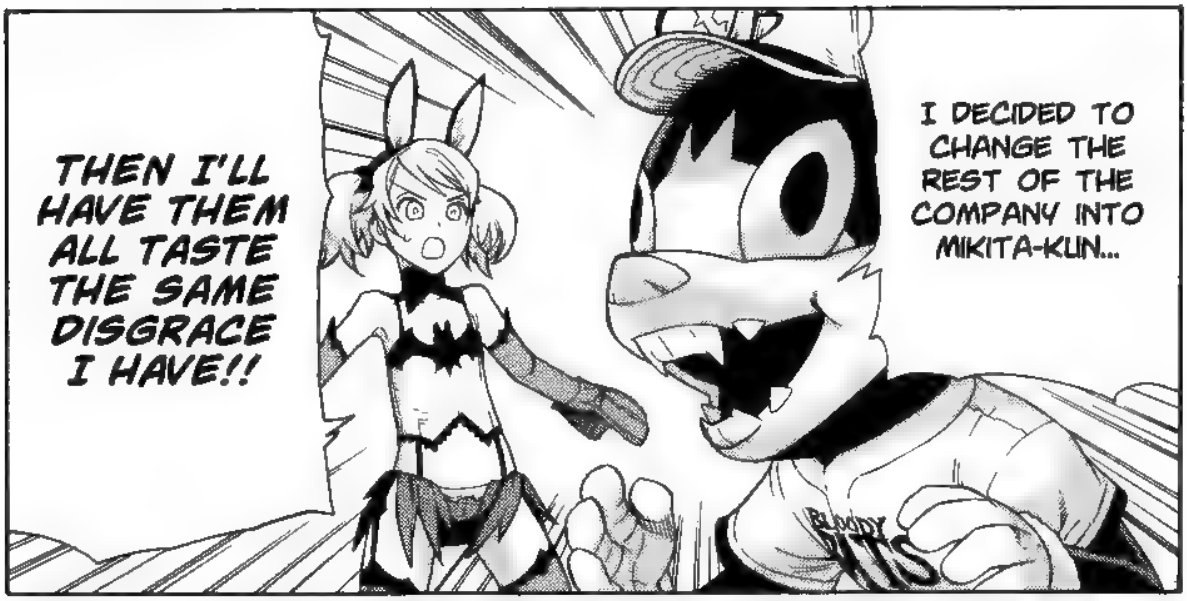
MAGICAL AURA
MIKITA HAD ME USE MY ALCHEMY IN THE SHADOWS TO ADVANCE HIS COMPANY'S BUSINESS DEVELOPMENTS, AND EVEN HIS BASEBALL TEAM.
AND JUST BECAUSE I FELT LIKE USING A TINY BIT OF THE COMPANY'S MONEY, I WAS DEMOTED!!
THAT'S RIGHT...
I ACTUALLY AM THE CULPRIT OF THE "STAFF BECOMING MIKITA-KUN" INCIDENTS!


THEN I'LL HAVE THEM ALL TASTE THE SAME DISGRACE I HAVE!!
I DECIDED TO CHANGE THE REST OF THE COMPANY INTO MIKITA-KUN...
BLOODY BATS

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MAGICAL AURA
EAT THIS !!!
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BLOODY BATS

UNTIL I ESCAPE...
STOP THIS GIRL!!
TAA-DAA
WAH !!
THE MANAGER AND HEAD COACH !!
TMP
TMP
TMP
BATS
BATS
HERE THEY COME!
UGH!
SAKU-RAKO-CHAN !!
GRR!
THE OPPOSING TEAM'S MANAGER AND COACH HAVE BECOME MIKITA-KUNS AND ARE CHARGING THE IDOL!
JUST WHAT KIND OF ENTER-TAINMENT IS THIS ?!

STOMP STOMP
THEY'VE BEEN TURNED, TOO!!
...
PROTECT SAKURA-KO-CHAN!!
YEAH !!
BATS
TOSS
KEN-CHAN!
TRANS-FORM !!
SCREECH
Umgestaltung!!
SHIMMER
CATCH

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
BLOODY
BATS
BLOODY
BATS
BLOODY
BATS
SAKURA-
KO-CHAN!

BLOODY BATS

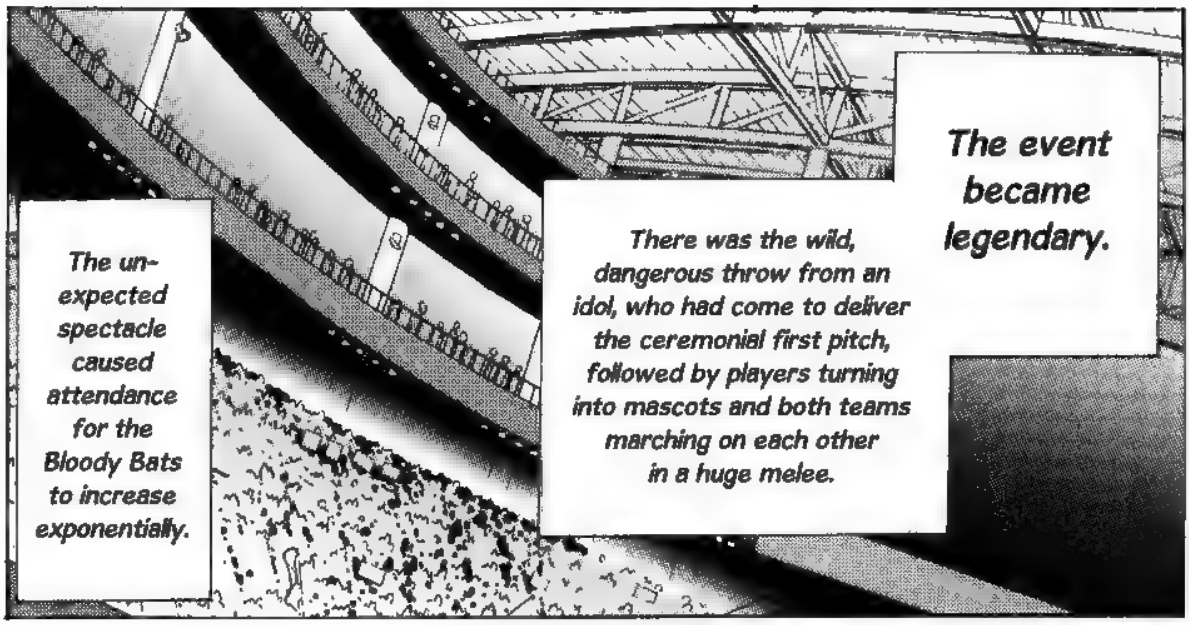
BATS

BATS

WHAM!

SHUT IT!!

TWITCH
TWITCH
TWITCH
TWITCH
TWITCH
TWITCH
HFF
HAA
HFF
HAA
And so, the mysterious "staff becoming Mikita-kun" case was resolved.
TWITCH
TWITCH


The event became legendary.
There was the wild, dangerous throw from an idol, who had come to deliver the ceremonial first pitch, followed by players turning into mascots and both teams marching on each other in a huge melee.
The unexpected spectacle caused attendance for the Bloody Bats to increase exponentially.

A few days later
YAY!
TODAY, THE OWNER HAS INVITED US TO WATCH THE GAME AS V.I.P.S!

WAAAH!!
BLOODY BATS
LOOK, KEN-CHAN!
YESTERDAY, THE TEAM CHANGED ITS MASCOT FROM "MIKITA-KUN" TO...
"SAKURA-KO-CHAN"!

MIKITA-KUN TRIES TO STEAL BACK HIS PLACE AS MASCOT...
AND FIGHTS A SAKURA-KO MASCOT.
THE FANS LOVE IT!
THEY'RE SELLING SCADS OF SOUVENIRS AND CHARACTER PRODUCTS...
I NEVER EXPECTED SUCH A WINDFALL!
HEH HEH HEH
FINE... JUST DO WHATEVER YOU WANT...

YOU KNOW...
THE OWNER WANTS TO HAVE THE REAL SAKURAKO AT THE NEXT FAN APPRECIATION EVENT...
I WON'T GO!!
KEN-CHAN, IF YOU'D AT LEAST TALK ABOUT IT...
I CAN'T HEAR YOU! I CAN'T HEAR YOU!

Chapter 1/Fin

HANG IN THERE, SHURUTSU KENICHI!
DON'T LOSE, NEUSCHWANSTEIN SAKURAKO!
TOP IDOL STAR
YOUR CAMPAIGN FOR A SERIAL SINGLE RELEASE HAS JUST BEGUN!!
SOMETHING'S VERY WRONG ABOUT THIS!!

Chapter 2
HERE...
IT'S FOR YOU.
D-DON'T BE SHY.
IT EMBARRASSES ME, TOO...
CHIME
CHOCO
...WITH CONFECTIONARY CHOCOLATE!
HAVE A HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY...

Chapter 2

1年B組
DID YOU SEE SAKURAKO-CHAN'S COMMER-CIAL?
THE VALENTINE'S DAY ONE!
I SAW IT! I SAW IT!
IT WAS SO GOOD !!
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RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
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...!

Neuschwanstein Sakurako
"Neuschwanstein Sakurako," the current, top, middle-school girl idol, has shot through the media world like a comet.
Television programs she appears in skyrocket in ratings...
Her debut album is selling off the shelves!!
Products in commercials she appears in sell like crazy.
She's seen as the queen of a new era of commercialism...
However...
...the masses don't know the truth.
The idol really is...
a male high school student of the "Brocken Bloodline" who fights evil alchemists.
It's none other than Shurutsu Kenichi!
OH... WHY ME...?
HOW LAME! SAKURAKO-CHAN IS ALL THE BOYS WILL TALK ABOUT!
ALL THIS BECAUSE OF MY ROLE GIVING CHOCOLATE IN THAT COMMERCIAL...!!

I COULDN'T STAND BEING SEEN...!!
I KINDA WISH I COULD'VE SEEN SAKURAKO-CHAN LIVE!
YEAH.
THAT REMINDS ME, DID YOU KNOW THAT COMMERCIAL WAS FILMED ON A TREE-LINED STREET THAT LOOKS LIKE ONE NEAR HERE?
OH, THAT'S RIGHT! MAYBE SOMEONE SAW IT.
One month earlier
Commercial filming site
O...
THIS IS A "TENACIOUS GIRL GIVES HER ALL CONFESSING" SCENE!
COME ON! THAT'S NOT HOW IT GOES, IS IT?! SAKURAKO-CHAN...
PUT MORE FEELING INTO IT!
OKAY ...
CUT!
NO NO NO!

NOW! TAP INTO THE FEELINGS YOU HAD FROM A TIME WHEN YOU HANDED OVER CHOCOLATES TO A BOY YOU LIKED!
HOW COULD I TAP INTO FEELINGS LIKE THOSE ?!
THAT FILMING WAS ROUGH...
...MAYBE THE COMPANY COULD CRUMBLE AND THE COMMERCIAL GET TAKEN OFF THE AIR?
BUT WASN'T THE ACTING IN THAT COMMERCIAL KINDA BLAND?
ARE YOU AN IDIOT? YOU JUST DON'T GET IT...
THE SLIGHTLY FLAT ACTING, COMPARED TO THE HIGHER TENSION OF A DRAMA ACTRESS...
ISN'T THAT KIND OF INEXPERIENCED AURA RE-FRESHING?
HOW ANNOY-ING!!
GRIP
GRIP
YEAH!

YOU'VE ALL BEEN GETTING SO EXCITED OVER A VALENTINE'S DAY CHOCOLATE COMMERCIAL!
YOU'RE ALL ANNOY-ING!
THAT'S RIGHT!
UH... NO...
IS SOME-THING WRONG?
WH-WHAT'S WITH THE SHOUTING, SHURU-TSU?
RATTLE
?!
ISN'T THAT WHY YOU HAVEN'T RECEIVED EVEN A SINGLE PIECE OF CHOCO-LATE?
WHERE DID THIS COME FROM ALL OF A SUDDEN?
DON'T BE SO UP-TIGHT.
I...
I'M TALKING ABOUT CONSPIRA-CIES!!
OH-HO! CHOCOLATIERS... THEY'RE EVIL YOU SAY?
FROM NOW ON, WE'RE SET FOR LIFE.
VALENTINE'S DAY IS A GIMMICK TO SELL CHOCOLATE!
IT'S A "CONSPIRACY" OF THE CHOCOLATE WORLD!!
FIGHT-ING IS...
WAIT...
WHAT'D YOU SAY!?!
YOU UN-ENLIGHTENED RUBES ARE DANCING LIKE PUPPETS AT THE ENDS OF THESE COM-MERCIALS' STRINGS!!
THIS DAMNED COUNTRY IS FULL OF NOTHING BUT IDIOTS!
FWSH

DRAMA
THEN YOU'RE SAYING THAT SAKURAKO-CHAN, WHO APPEARS IN THAT COMMERCIAL, ISN'T CUTE?!
GRR!!
UNTIL THE COMMERCIAL'S RUN ENDS, I HAVE NO CHOICE...
I MUST ENDURE AND NOT APPEAR IN A SECOND ONE!
NOTHING BUT IDIOTS !!
GOOD!
ON THIS POINT, AT LEAST, WE ARE AGREED...
NOT AT ALL! SAKURAKO-CHAN IS DEFINITELY CUTE.
TRUE FRIEND!
WHAT IS WITH THESE GUYS?
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GRAB

I HAVEN'T HEARD ABOUT THAT EVENT !!
YES! LET US GO...
YES! LET'S GO TOGETHER TO THE FOOT OF MOUNT FUJI, WHERE 10,000 FANS ARE GATHERING TO SEE SAKURA-KO-CHAN'S VALENTINE'S DAY CONCERT!
THEN LET'S GO TOGETHER, FRIEND!

RENA-SAN!
OH!
WELCOME BACK, KEN-CHAN.

ACHTUNG Records
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WHAT IS THIS "10,000 ATTENDEE CONCERT AT THE FOOT OF FUJI" THING?!
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT!
SAKURA-KO-CHAN!
AND I KEEP TELLING YOU, DON'T COME TO THE OFFICE WITHOUT YOUR MAKEUP, DON'T I?!

DON'T MAKE IT WORSE!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!!
SHOULD I MAKE IT 100,000 PEOPLE?
HMM...THAT SUM SEEMS SOMEWHAT PALTRY PERHAPS.

"NEUSCHWANSTEIN SAKURA-KO" HAS BECOME TOO BIG OF A TALENT...
...FOR SUCH A SMALL EVENT!!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, KEN-CHAN?
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RUMBLE
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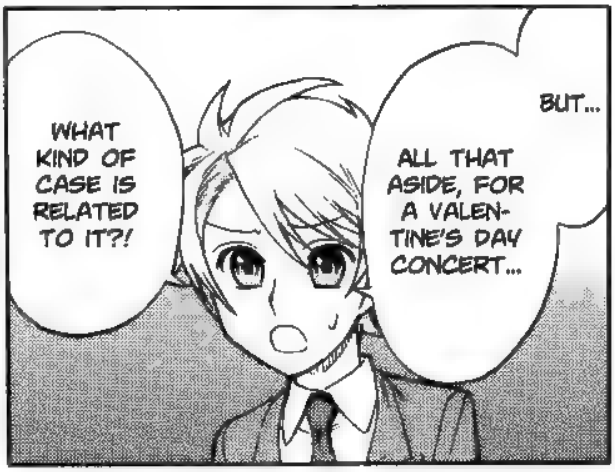
I NEVER ONCE SAID I WANTED TO DO A CONCERT.
SUDDENLY PERFORMING FOR 10,000...

WHEN SHE PUTS IT THAT WAY... SHE'S RIGHT!!
MEMORY HE WANTS TO ERASE
OR HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?
YOU'VE ALREADY FILLED A 55,000 CAPACITY STADIUM FOR AN UNPOPULAR BALL CLUB JUST BY APPEARING FOR AN OPENING PITCH, HAVEN'T YOU?
AFTER ALL...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
CASE?


WHAT KIND OF CASE IS RELATED TO IT?!
ALL THAT ASIDE, FOR A VALENTINE'S DAY CONCERT...
BUT...

RIGHT, RIGHT, A CASE! YEAH, AN INVESTIGATION!
AH!
LOOM
OF COURSE THERE'S ONE!

SIGN: DEFENCE MINISTRY
THERE IS ONE, A "CASE" I'VE BEEN WAITING TO REVEAL...!
ACTUALLY, THIS INVESTIGATION WAS REQUESTED THROUGH SECRET CHANNELS FROM SOMEONE CONNECTED TO THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE...
THERE IS A "RESEARCH GROUP" WITHIN A PARTICULAR SECTION OF THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCE*...
THEY SEEM TO BE INCREASING IN INFLUENCE AT AN INCREDIBLE RATE.
防衛省
IT SEEMS AN ALCHEMIST OF THE "BROCKEN BLOODLINE" IS DEEPLY INVOLVED...
...AND SOMETHING BIG MAY HAPPEN.

*JAPAN'S MILITARY

I DON'T SEE WHAT KIND OF "CHANCE" YOU COULD GET FROM THAT!!
BY USING THAT CHANCE, WE'LL DRAG OUT THE ENEMY!!
AND SO WE'LL HOLD SAKURAKO-CHAN'S CONCERT WITH THE FULL COOPERATION OF THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCE!

...RENA-SAN?
...

AND IF YOU'RE TARGETING THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCE...
HOW DO YOU EXPECT ME TO DEAL WITH IT IF THEY BRING OUT TANKS OR SOME-THING?!
WHAT DO I DO THEN?!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN "TEE-HEE"?!
TEE-HEE! ♡
ARE YOU TRYING TO KILL ME?!

Neuschwahstein
SAKURAKO

BOOM

EEK!

YEAH!!

10,000 PEOPLE REALLY CAME!!

PAPARA-PA-PA-

パパラーパーパー

PAPARA-PA-PA-

パパラーパーパー

PAPARA-PA-PA-

パパラーパーパー

PAPARA

パパパ

(ワルキューレ主題歌)

OKAY!
IT'S SHOW TIME, KEN-CHAN!!
JUST LIKE BEFORE, ASUKA WILL SING THE SONG THROUGH THE "REMOTE VOCAL CORD DEVICE"!
TIME TO SHOW THEM ALL JUST HOW CUTE YOU ARE, KEN-CHAN!
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE INVESTIGATION, DOES IT?!

SAKURA-KO-CHAN !!
ドゴゴゴゴゴゴゴゴ
RUMBLING
WOO-HOO!!
FIRST I...
HOW DOES THIS GO...?
UM...
...SO MANY! 10,000 IS A LOT OF PEOPLE !!
UWA AAH!
WAIT JUST A MINUTE !!
?!
YEA-HOO !!
HAPPY VALEN-TINE'S DAY!
HA...

WH-
WHAT THE HECK ?!
THERE ARE TANKS ON THE GROUNDS ?!
UWAH!!
RUMBLE
NO
...ALL OF YOU FANS!!
THESE GROUNDS ARE NOW OCCUPIED BY US!
NEUSCHWAN-STEIN SAKURAKO-CHAN AND...
THESE TROOPS ...
THEY MUST BE IN LEAGUE WITH THE ALCHEMIST IN THE SELF-DEFENSE FORCE!

...THE "SAY NO TO VALENTINE'S DAY IN JAPAN GROUP"!!
N O
OUR NAME IS...
...
WHA AAT ?!
HRMM !!
THEIR VOICES ARE UNIFIED?
Y-YOU HAVEN'T REALIZED ...
THE INSTITUTION KNOWN AS "VALEN-TINE'S DAY"...
N O

BY ENCOURAGING THESE INNOCENT EXCHANGES BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN, THE CHOCOLATE INDUSTRY IS...
...CRUSHING THE SINCERE AND STRAIGHTFOR-WARD MANHOOD OF JAPANESE BOYS IN ORDER TO USURP THE JAPANESE NATION!
IT'S AN AMERICAN CONSPIR-ACY!!
THAT'S TOO BIG TO BE A CONSPIR-ACY!!
AWARE OF THIS IMMINENT DANGER, I SOUGHT OUT COMPANIONS WHO WERE ACCEPTING OF MY PLAN...
WE HAVE ORGANIZED THIS TROOP IN SECRET!
THERE ARE THIS MANY IDIOTS WHO'D BELIEVE THAT?!

NO
WITH ALCHEMY I'VE CREATED THIS "DEVIL'S BULLHORN"!
BUT THAT CANNOT STOP ME!
OF COURSE IGNORANT PEOPLE LIKE YOU WOULD NOT UNDERSTAND...
HEH HEH HEH...
IF I MANIPULATE THE HEARTS OF THOSE AT THIS SITE...
...IT WILL BE THE BIRTH OF 10,000 REVOLUTIONARIES!!
KEN-CHAN! YOU HAVE TO TRANSFORM!
Y-YEAH!!
WAIT JUST ONE MINUTE!!
?!
WHAT IS IT NOW?!

YOU... YOU ARE...
THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE?!
NO
MINISTER, IF YOU TRULY WORRY FOR JAPAN'S DEFENSE...
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD A THING I'VE SAID?!
YOU FOOL!!
YOU'LL DRIVE THE COUNTRY INTO CHAOS!
STOP THIS COUP D'ÉTAT!

IF YOU KEEP THIS UP...
SNIFF
DON'T YOU THINK THAT WILL MAKE SAKU-RAKO-CHAN FEEL SAD ?!
NO
NO!
THAT I CANNOT ALLOW!
REVOLU-TIONARY TROOP...
DISMISSED !!
SWISH
WHAT THE HELL ?!

A-ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL, RIGHT?!
IT'S NOT LIKE I REALLY WANTED TO TRANS-FORM...
DON'T BE SO HAPPY WITH EXPLAIN-ING IT AWAY!
...and Japan's crisis was averted.
And so the Minister of Defense's soul-ful words were successfully convincing...
...
The coup d'état group's punishment was given...
The incident was portrayed as "A perfor-mance with the full cooperation of the Self-Defense Force"...
AND IT HAD THIS NICE, AMATEUR-ISH FEEL TO IT!
THE VIOLENT SONG WAS REALLY INTEREST-ING...
I WENT! I WENT!
YES.
DID YOU GO TO SAKURA-KO-CHAN'S CON-CERT?!
...

Chapter 3

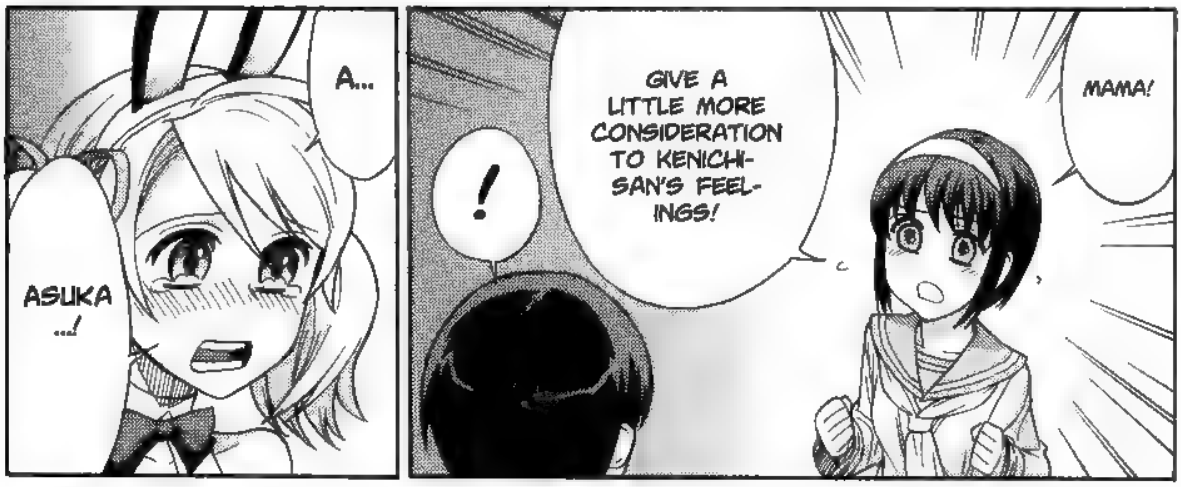
THIS IS... TROUBLING.
IT SEEMS THE HEADS OF THE PARTY HAVE BEEN RACKING THEIR BRAINS TO DEAL WITH THIS...
A staff meeting during a certain month, on a certain day, in a certain place...
桜の間

SIGN: SAKURA ROOM

...SUPER-
POPULAR IDOL
NEUSCHWANSTEIN
SAKURAKO-
CHAN!!
THE
POWER
OF...
TAA-DUM
SWEAT
Chapter 3

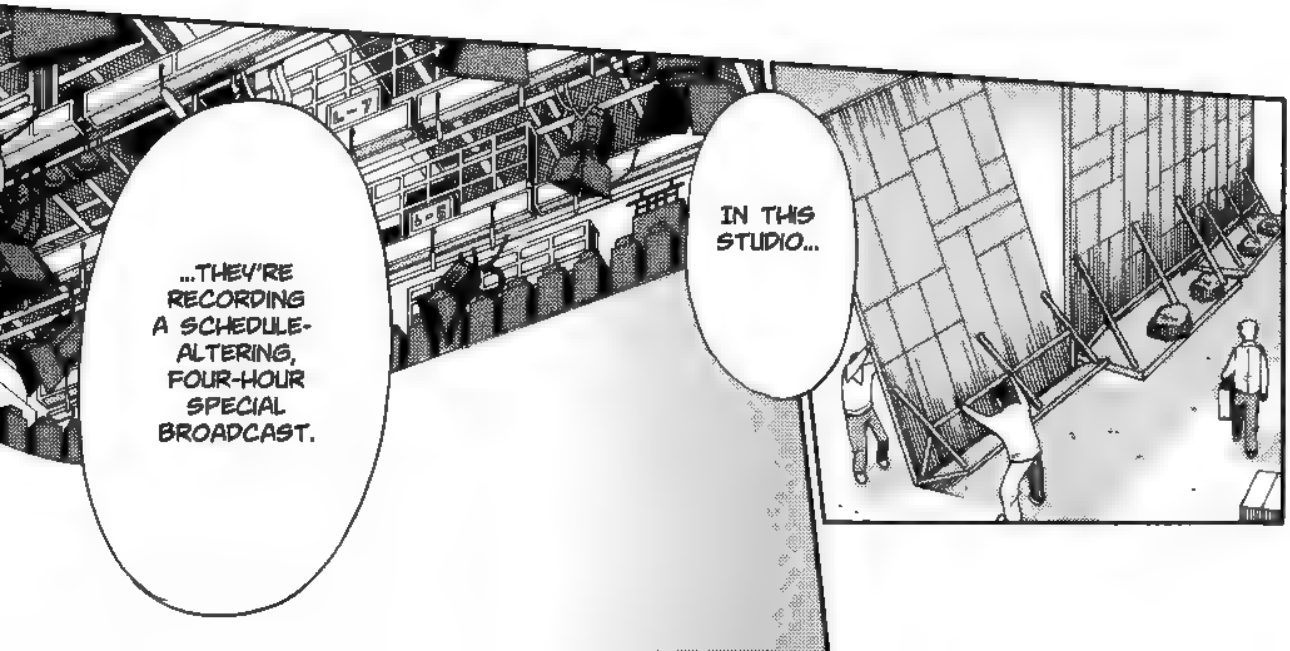
COME ON! HURRY UP, KEN-CHAN!
THE SHOW IS ABOUT TO START!
WAIT A MINUTE, RENA-SAN.
WHY DO I HAVE TO BE DRESSED LIKE THIS?!
WITH THESE EARS, TOO!
TODAY'S A SPECIAL MAGIC SHOW, AND YOU'RE THE ASSIS-TANT!
WOULD A NORMAL BUNNY-GIRL OUTFIT HAVE BEEN BETTER?
THAT WOULD BE EVEN WORSE !!

UGH...
I WANT TO GO HOME...
POOR KENICHI-SAN...
LIKE I COULD GET USED TO THIS?!
GET USED TO IT AL-READY.
YOU'RE ALWAYS SAVING THE COSTUMES ARE EMBAR-RASSING, AREN'T YOU?
COME NOW... YOU'RE COMPLAIN-ING TOO MUCH, KEN-CHAN!

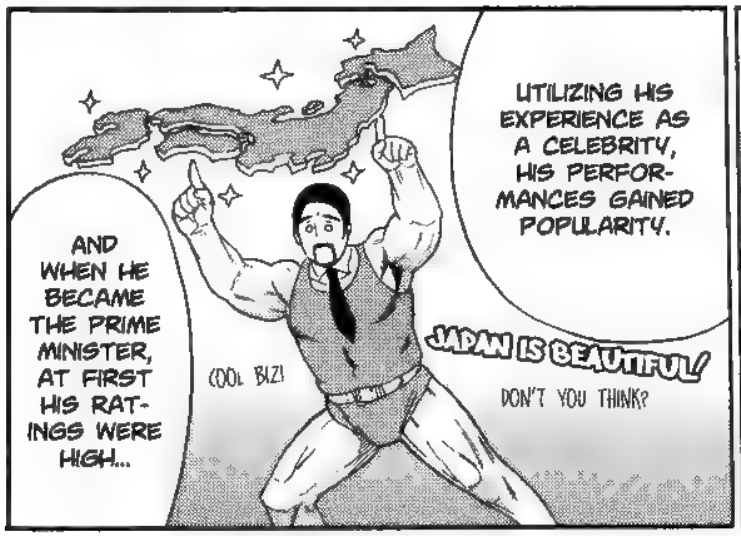

A...
ASUKA ...!
!
GIVE A LITTLE MORE CONSIDERATION TO KENICHI-SAN'S FEEL-INGS!
MAMA!

AND THAT IS...
ASUKA LOOKS LIKE AN ANGEL ...!
AH...
HEAVEN'S SALVATION!
YOU MUSTN'T SIMPLY DISREGARD IT OUT OF HAND!
I REALLY HAVE SOME-THING I MUST REQUEST FOR KENICHI-SAN...

HEAVEN HAS ABANDONED ME!!
I THINK THAT, MUCH MORE THAN THE BLACK BUNNY-SAN OUTFIT, KENICHI-SAN WOULD...
AS EX-PECTED OF MY GIRL!
GOOD OBSER-VATION!
...LOOK MUCH BETTER AS A PINK BUNNY-SAN!!


...THEY'RE RECORDING A SCHEDULE-ALTERING, FOUR-HOUR SPECIAL BROADCAST.
IN THIS STUDIO...

ON TOP OF THAT, THERE WAS AN UNPRECEDENTED CHANGE.
A FEW DAYS AGO, THE PRIME MINISTER, HANIHO HENIZOU, SUDDENLY DECIDED HE WOULD APPEAR AS A GUEST.
THE PRIME MINISTER?!
HOW DID THAT HAPPEN?


UTILIZING HIS EXPERIENCE AS A CELEBRITY, HIS PERFORMANCES GAINED POPULARITY.
JAPAN IS BEAUTIFUL!
DON'T YOU THINK?
AND WHEN HE BECAME THE PRIME MINISTER, AT FIRST HIS RATINGS WERE HIGH...
COOL BIZ!

MR. HANIHO WAS ORIGINALLY A BODY-BUILDER. HIS FAME ...
...AS A COMMERCIAL TALENT AND MOVIE ACTOR, SERVED AS A SPRINGBOARD INTO THE POLITICAL WORLD.

ONCE IT WAS EVEN POINTED OUT THAT THE MAKER OF THAT BEVERAGE WAS THE SAME AS THE ONE WHOSE COMMERCIALS HE APPEARED IN!
THEN, WHILE GIVING INTERVIEWS IN HIS HOUSE, HE WOULD ALWAYS HAVE A "BEAUTIFUL REFRESHING DRINK."
AND SO, HIS APPROVAL PLUMMETED!
WHEN HE RECENTLY BOUGHT A LARGE QUANTITY OF PROTEIN SUPPLEMENTS WITH PUBLIC FUNDING, HE LOST A LOT OF GROUND TO THE OPPOSITION PARTY.
...

IN ORDER TO MAKE HIS RATINGS DRAW A "V" AND HELP MAKE THE PRIME MINISTER'S RE-ELECTION A REALITY...
TOP IDOL NEUSCHWANSTEIN SAKURAKO-CHAN'S POWER IS NEEDED!!
MY HEART HAS BEEN MOVED BY THE SINCERITY OF THEIR POLITICAL PLATFORM!
HOW MUCH DID THEY PAY YOU ?!
チャリ CHA-CHING

INCIDENTALLY, THAT IS NOT THE CASE, KEN-CHAN.
?
KEN-ICHI-SAN...
HEH HEH...
I'M OUT OF HERE!
SO GETTING DRESSED UP IN THIS EMBARRASSING COSTUME HAS NOTHING AT ALL TO DO WITH INVESTI-GATING A BROCKEN BLOODLINE INCIDENT!
SMACK

AND I HAVE INFORMATION THAT THEY WILL TRY TO MAKE SOMETHING HAPPEN.
BLOODLINE ALCHEMISTS HAVE BEEN GATHERED...
RUMBLE
THERE IS A FORCE THAT KNOWS OF THE PRIME MINIS-TER'S GUEST APPEARANCE AND DOES NOT THINK WELL OF HIM.

UGH...
GO ALL OUT, KEN-CHAN!!
...AND ALSO TO MAKE THIS PROGRAM SUCCEED, IT TRULY IS THREE BIRDS WITH ONE STONE!!
AND STOP THE EVIL PLANS OF ALCHE-MISTS...
TO RE-VITALIZE THE PRIME MINISTER'S APPROVAL RATING...

SWP
FWP
POOOF
おおおおおおおおっ
OOOOOOOOOH!
THAT GUY'S AMAZING!
HE TURNED THOSE CARDS INTO A NATURAL WONDER IN A FLASH!
THERE WASN'T EVEN A HINT OF HOW HE DID THAT SLIGHT-OF-HAND!!
HE IS THIS SHOW'S MAIN EVENT...
...THE HALF-ITALIAN, HALF-JAPANESE MAGICIAN CARLO.
CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP

WITH THOSE SWEET LOOKS AND...
POOF!
...THE SURPRISE OF FELLOW MAGICIANS REGARDING HIS ADVANCED SKILLS, HIS POPULARITY IS SOARING!
AND THE MYSTERIOUSNESS OF HIS TECHNIQUES...
IT SEEMS THERE ARE ALSO FANS WHO BELIEVE HE IS A REAL MAGE...
!
おぉーーっ?!!
OOOH!!
MAMA... THAT MAN... THERE'S SOMETHING...
IT SEEMS ASUKA'S NOTICED IT, TOO.
SINCE HE STARTED DOING MAGIC A BIT AGO...
BEEP BEEP
ぴっ、ぴっ、
...MY "SENSOR" HAS BEEN REACTING.
SO... HE'S THE CULPRIT?!
PERHAPS ...
BE-BEEP
ぴっぴっ、
BUT...
MY "GOOD-LOOKING MAN SENSOR" IS RESPONDING, TOO, SO I CAN'T BE CERTAIN...
AND HE REALLY IS A NICE CATCH!
HOW DOES THAT HELP ?!

AFTER BONAPARGI'S MAGIC SHOW...
SPIN SPIN
ぎゅるるるるるるるる
...OUR BIG GUEST WILL BE APPEARING!
DIRECTOR! THE PRIME MINISTER WILL ARRIVE SOON...
GOT IT!
!
THE PRIME MINISTER IS COMING!
F...
WHAT DO I DO?!
FOR NOW JUST CONTINUE WITH THE PLANS FOR YOUR ENTRANCE!
...UH...

WHAT IS THIS ?!
WHY AM I CHAINED DOWN?!
IT'S A BIG ESCAPE TRICK!
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②
③
WHEN PRIME MINISTER HANIHO APPEARS, HE'LL BE BOUND AND PLACED IN A COFFIN.
THE COFFIN WILL BE CLOSED, AND SAKURAKO-CHAN WILL BE IN THERE INSTEAD WHEN IT'S OPENED.
FOR THE FINALE, THE PRIME MINISTER WILL APPEAR AND COOLLY LIFT SAKURAKO-CHAN FROM THE COFFIN AND CARRY HER OFF STAGE.

IT'S ALL RIGHT! IT'LL ALL WORK OUT!
JUST IN CASE, THOUGH, I'VE MADE SURE YOU CAN TRANS-FORM.

AND THIS IS PREPARA-TION FOR THAT.
I CAN'T MOVE MY HANDS OR FEET!
HOW AM I GOING TO GET OUT THERE LIKE THIS?!

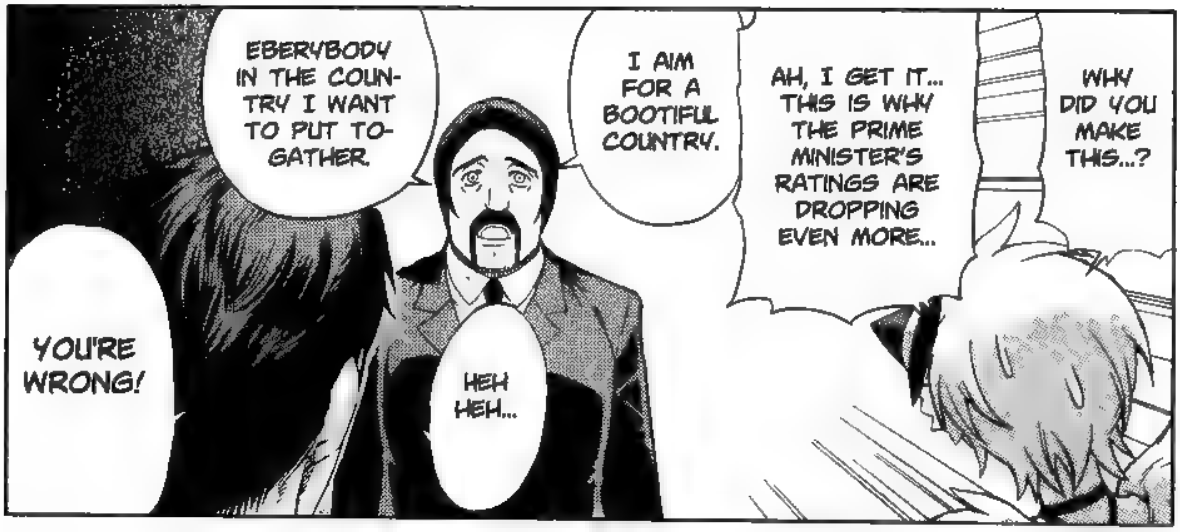
PLACE SAKURAKO-CHAN ON STANDBY, PLEASE.
OKAY!
ガラガラガラ
ROLL ROLL ROLL
COME BACK SAFE!
EEEEEEK!!

UGH... IT'S SO DARK I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING.
I CAN'T MOVE AT ALL, EITHER.
CLANK
URK
びく
?!!
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
?!
WH...
WHAT WAS THAT SOUND ?!
LOOM
ぼっ

TAA-DUM!
UGYAAAAH!!
Unpeelable!!
AAAHH!

QUIVER QUIVER
カク カク カクカク-
...?!
YOU... LOOK...
I WAS SO SURPRISED I TRANSFORMED WITHOUT THINKING...
WHY ARE YOU HERE...?
PRIME MINISTER HANIHO ...?!
HEH HEH...
IT SEEMS YOU'VE SEEN IT...
NEUSCHWAN-STEIN SAKURAKO-CHAN.
?!
CARLO-SAN?!
YES!

SO YOU'RE AN ALCHEMIST...
SAKURAKO-CHAN... YOU'RE OF THE BROCKEN BLOODLINE, YES?
THAT TRANS-FORMA-TION...
I'VE EVEN GIVEN HIM THE ABILITY TO SPEAK LIKE THE REAL PRIME MINISTER.
HEY! I GREET YOU, SAKURAKO-CHAN!
MECHA PRIME MINIS-TER?!
MY "MECHA PRIME MINISTER" ...
WELL MADE, ISN'T IT?
WAIT...
FLAW-LESS ....!!
THIS THING'S JAPANESE ABILITY IS BROKEN!!
ATTACK THE ENEMY BASE, FRIENDLY.

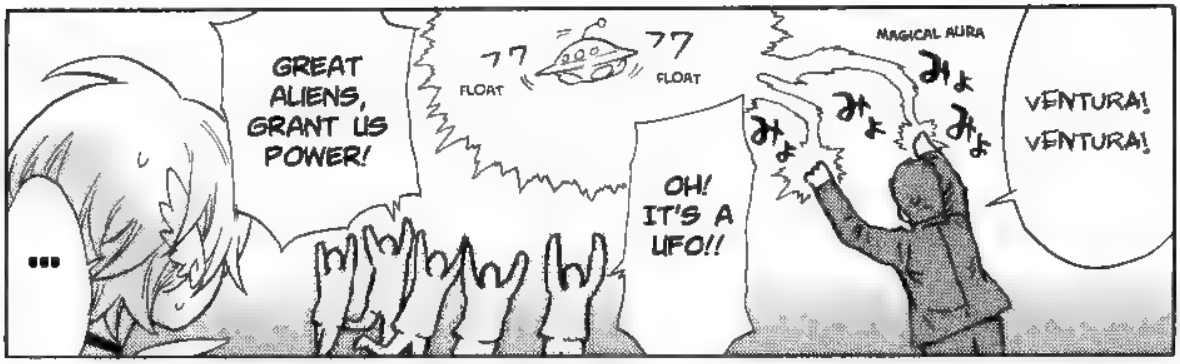

WHY DID YOU MAKE THIS...?
AH, I GET IT... THIS IS WHY THE PRIME MINISTER'S RATINGS ARE DROPPING EVEN MORE...
I AIM FOR A BOOTIFUL COUNTRY.
EBERYBODY IN THE COUN-TRY I WANT TO PUT TO-GATHER.
HEH HEH...
YOU'RE WRONG!

IT'S TRUE I'VE MADE THIS WITH "CERTAIN ASSIS-TANCE."
I'LL BE SWAPPING THIS FOR THE REAL ONE IN THE CONFUSION OF THE MAGIC SHOW...
HOWEVER... MY TRUE PURPOSE IS NOT TO LOWER HIS RATINGS!

IN ANCIENT TIMES, THOSE WHO COULD PERFORM MAGIC WERE FEARED BY THE POPU-LACE AND CAME TO RULE...
THAT'S RIGHT... "SORCERERS" WERE A CLASS OF MEN MEANT TO STAND ABOVE THE MASSES!!

YOU... YOU'VE DECEIVED US?!
?!
AND NOW IS THE TIME WE RETURN SORCERERS TO THEIR ROLE AS RULERS!!
WHO?
WH...
...
FIVE IDIOTS FROM THE DIET WERE HERE ?!
MJS!!!
(WE CAN REFORM POLITICS IN FIVE SECONDS FLAT.)
WE ARE...
AN ASSEMBLY OF MEMBERS OF THE DIET WHO GUIDE JAPAN BY THE GREAT AND TRUE WISDOM OF ALIENS...
DA-DA-DAAAAA

CARLO !!
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED IT IN THE FIRST PLACE!
BUT YOU'RE JUST A SORCERER ?!
YOU SHOWED US YOUR MYSTERIOUS TECHNIQUES AND HAD US SUPPORT YOU BY SAYING, "I AM AN ALIEN."
WE WON'T FORGIVE YOU, CARLO!!


GREAT ALIENS, GRANT US POWER!
...
FLOAT
FLOAT
OH! IT'S A UFO!!
MAGICAL AURA
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みょ
みょ
VENTURA! VENTURA!

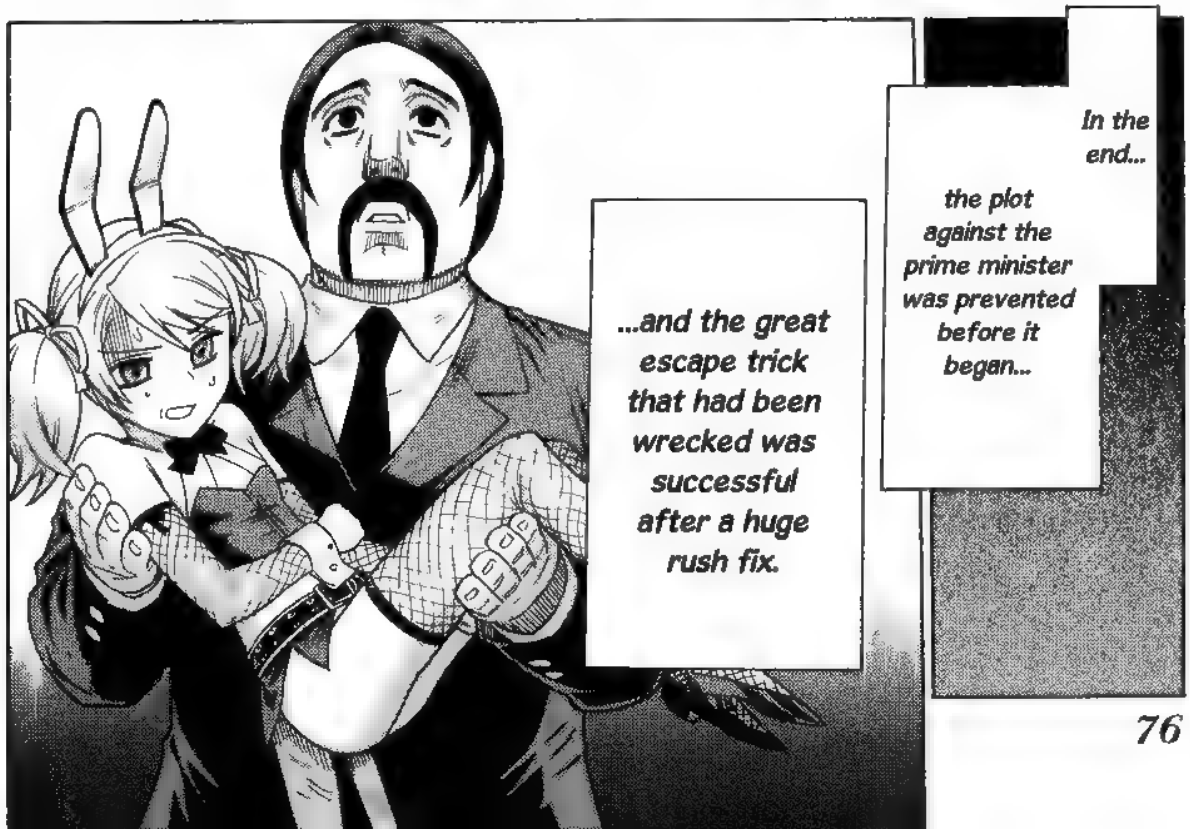
HOW DID YOU COME UP WITH THAT BULL ?!
WE MUST CAPTURE HER!!
THAT EXPLAINS HER INHUMAN APPEAL!
UNBELIEVABLE! SAKURAKO-CHAN IS FROM SPACE?!
SHE'S A DARK SPIRIT OF THE FALLEN STARS, AN EVIL FEMALE ALIEN!!
JUST NOW, THIS WOMAN USED BLACK MAGIC TO MAKE YOU HEAR FALSELY!!

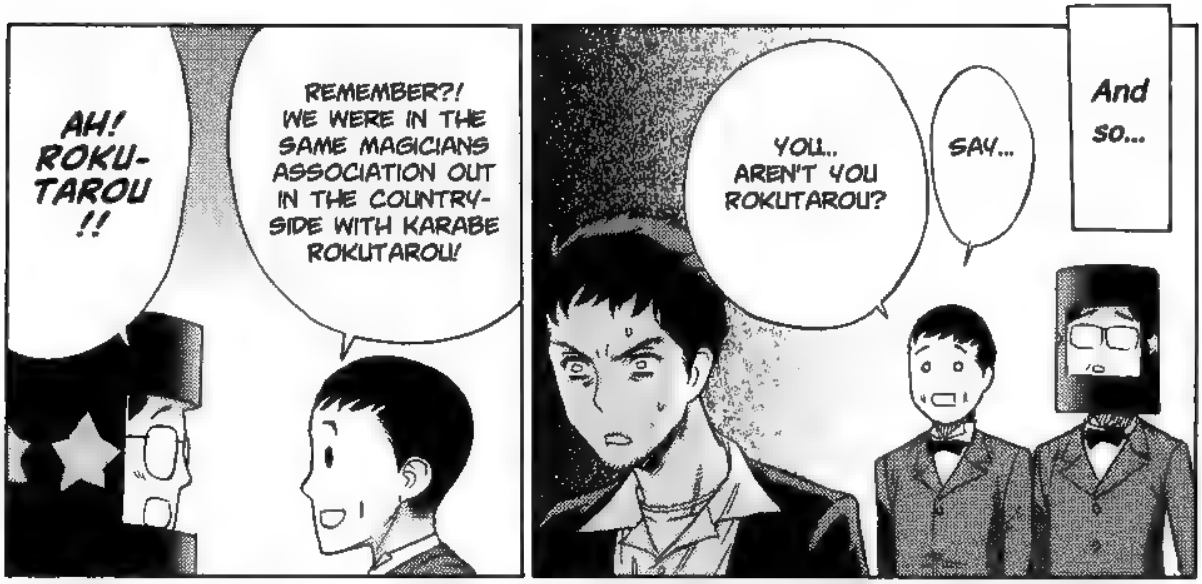
YEEEEK!!
PREPARE YOUR-SELF, FEMALE ALIEN!!
THWACK
GUWAAAAH ?!
LOOM
!!
YOU!
WHAT ?!
PRIME MINIS-TER HANIHO ?!

...TO BE TROUBLING SUCH A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMAN.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? TO CAUSE SUCH A FUSS WITH ELECTIONS DRAWING NEAR...
ON TOP OF THAT ...
?!
LOOM
RUMBLE
I SEE...
ALL OF THIS HAS BEEN MEANT TO INTERFERE WITH MY GOVERNMENT.

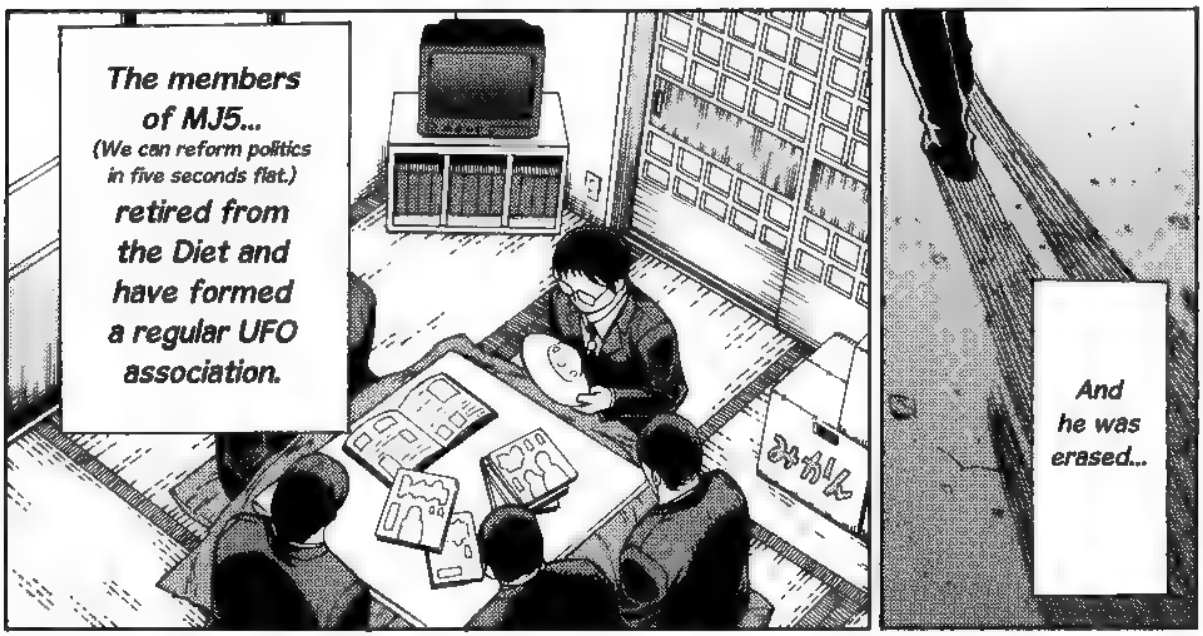
SHOCK
!
ATTACK THE ENEMY BASE, FRIENDLY.

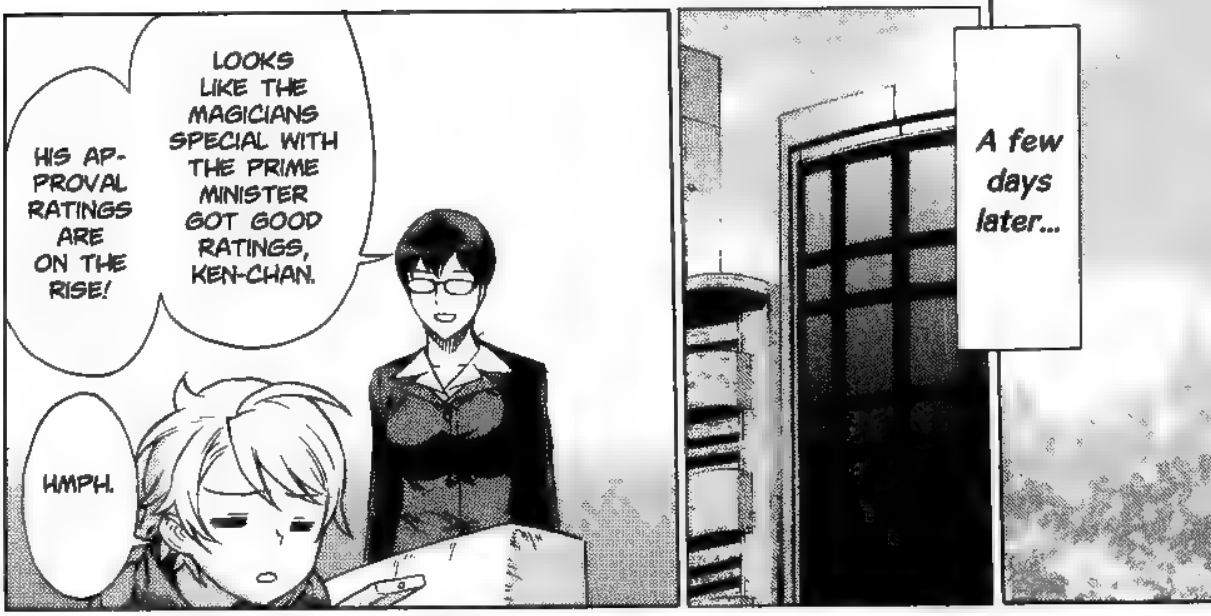
EEEEEH?!
IS THIS ANOTHER HANDSHAKE PUNCH-LINE?
...YOU SEEM LIKE AN AGREEABLE FELLOW...


...and the great escape trick that had been wrecked was successful after a huge rush fix.
In the end...
the plot against the prime minister was prevented before it began...


AH! ROKU-TAROU !!
REMEMBER?! WE WERE IN THE SAME MAGICIANS ASSOCIATION OUT IN THE COUNTRY-SIDE WITH KARABE ROKUTAROU!
YOU.. AREN'T YOU ROKUTAROU?
SAY...
And so...

He was deter-mined to be an outsider.
In order to fake getting better at magic, Carlo had reached out to the power of the Brocken Bloodline.
YOU'RE MISTAKING ME FOR SOMEONE ELSE!!
AND YOU GOT REALLY BAD AT JAPANESE, TOO, ROKUTAROU.
YOU'RE WRONG!!
LOOK AT HOW GOOD SUPER-TERRIBLE-AT-MAGIC ROKUTAROU HAS GOTTEN!


The members of MJ5...
(We can reform politics in five seconds flat.)
retired from the Diet and have formed a regular UFO association.
And he was erased...


LOOKS LIKE THE MAGICIANS SPECIAL WITH THE PRIME MINISTER GOT GOOD RATINGS, KEN-CHAN.
HIS APPROVAL RATINGS ARE ON THE RISE!
HMPH.
A few days later...

...ENEMY BASE, FR...
I'M AFRAID WE'RE IN QUITE A HURRY!!
SIR!!
PRIME MINISTER, SIR! A WORD ABOUT THE NEXT ELECTION!!

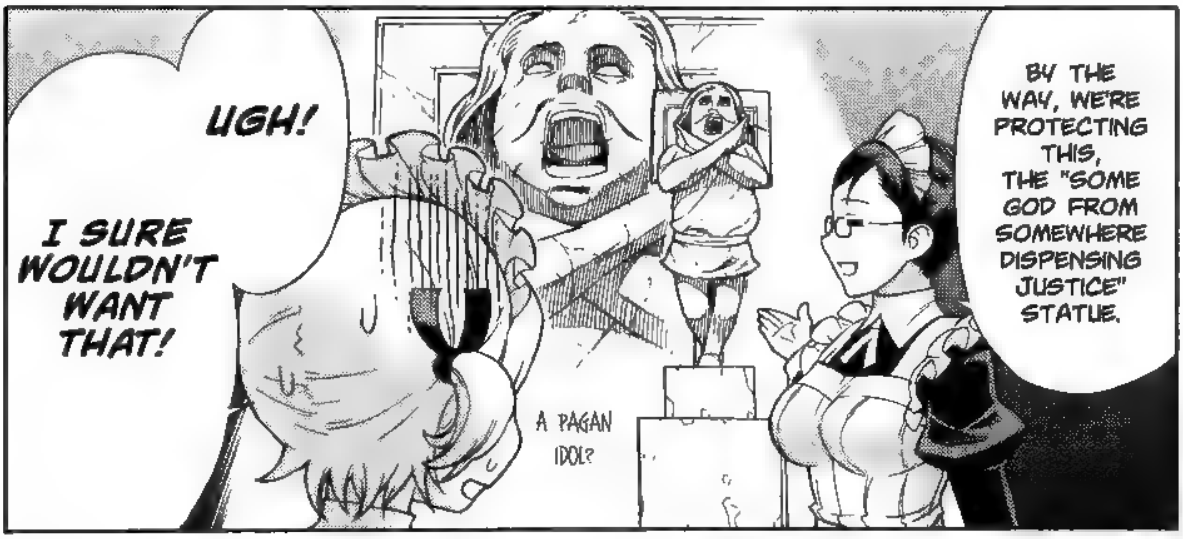
It looks like Mecha Prime Minister has been taken on as a stand-in for the real prime minister.
?
WAIT!
THAT WAS ...!!

Chapter 4
VILLA
SCHOOL
THIS VILLA IS JUST FOR HOUSING YOU WHILE YOU'RE AT SCHOOL.
TO HAVE THIS AMOUNT OF ART HERE..
I WOULD EXPECT NOTHING LESS FROM THE WORLD-LEADING ART COLLECTION FOR THE SAIONJI HOUSE.
SECURITY MUST BE DIFFICULT.
HEH HEH...
YOU NEED NOT WORRY, DETECTIVE-SAN.
THE SECURITY SYSTEM HERE IS PERFECT.
AND ON TOP OF THAT, TODAY...

Chapter 4

CHRISTINE HAS COME RUNNING TO MY AID !!

IT'LL COST US IF THEY'RE NOT RETURNED.
SO NO RUNNING OFF WITH YOURS, OKAY?
AH! THAT PAINTING LOOKS EXPENSIVE!
YOU SHOULD SAY THAT TO YOURSELF, RENA-SAN...
WELL, IT'S BETTER THAN COMING AS AN IDOL, BUT...
WHY IS MY MAID OUTFIT DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS?
WE'RE HERE AS MAIDS FOR AN AMBUSH!!
THIS IS A LITTLE EMBARRASSING.
LIKE I SAID, YOU'RE HERE TO HELP PROTECT THE ART FROM A CAT BURGLAR...


UGH!
I SURE WOULDN'T WANT THAT!
A PAGAN IDOL?
BY THE WAY, WE'RE PROTECTING THIS, THE "SOME GOD FROM SOMEWHERE DISPENSING JUSTICE" STATUE.

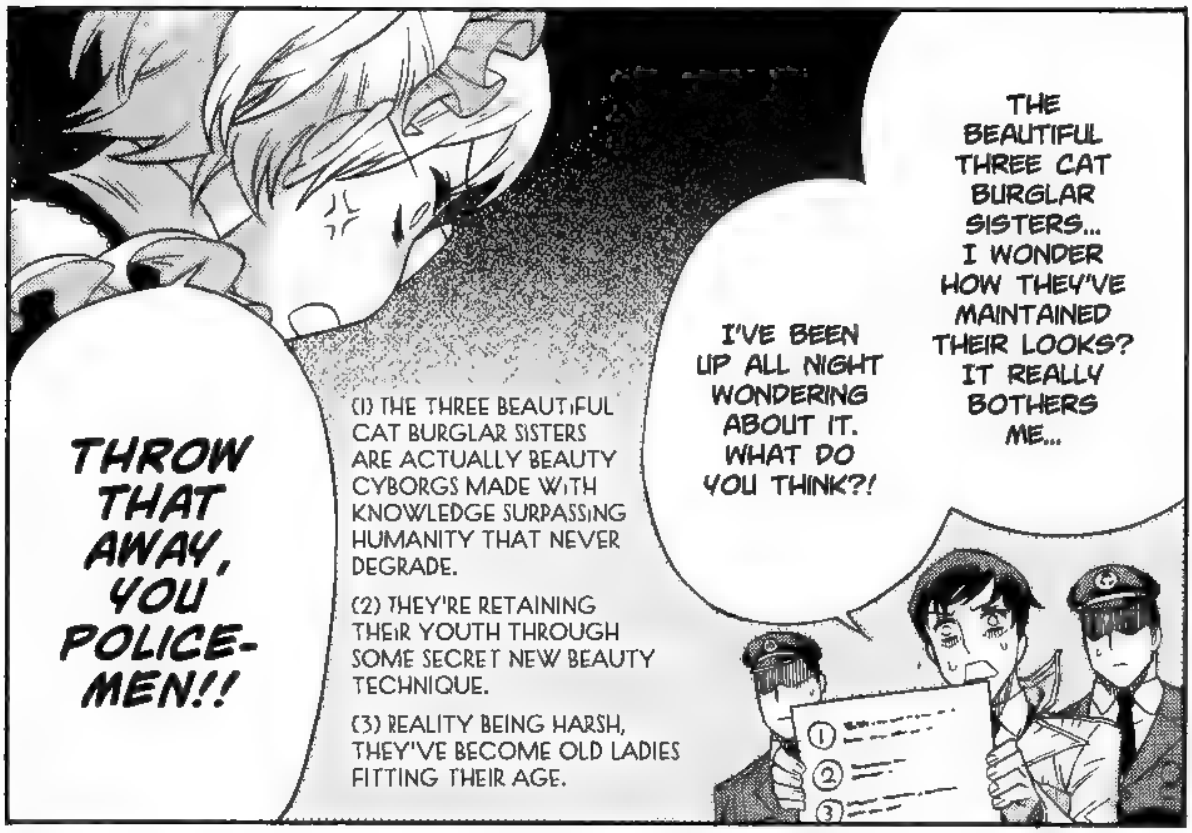
?!
THIS STATUE WAS CREATED BY THE "BROCKEN BLOODLINE" USING A SPECIAL METAL!
HOW-EVER..
IT CERTAINLY SEEMS LIKE IT ISN'T WORTH ANYTHING WHEN YOU FIRST LOOK AT IT.

THERE'S BEEN A LETTER OF CRIMINAL INTENT RECEIVED...
FROM THE MYSTERIOUS TRIO OF BEAUTIFUL, SISTER, CAT BURGLARS WHO TARGET ONLY "ART CREATED BY BLOODLINE TECHNIQUES."
THE IMPOS-SIBLE SISTERS !!

WHEN RENA-SAN FILLED THAT ROLE...?
SO THAT MEANS THE IM-POSSIBLE SISTERS ARE PRETTY OLD.
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY, KEN-CHAN?

!!
BACK WHEN I WAS FILLING THE ROLE OF MAGICAL GIRL HEROINE, I ENGAGED IN A LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLE WITH THOSE THREE...
IT SEEMS THEY'VE RESUMED ACTIVITY RECENTLY.

!
DETEC-TIVE-SAN?
WELL, THE IMPOSSIBLE SISTERS RESUMING ACTIVITY HAS EVEN US WORRIED...


THROW THAT AWAY, YOU POLICE-MEN!!
(1) THE THREE BEAUTIFUL CAT BURGLAR SISTERS ARE ACTUALLY BEAUTY CYBORGS MADE WITH KNOWLEDGE SURPASSING HUMANITY THAT NEVER DEGRADE.
(2) THEY'RE RETAINING THEIR YOUTH THROUGH SOME SECRET NEW BEAUTY TECHNIQUE.
(3) REALITY BEING HARSH, THEY'VE BECOME OLD LADIES FITTING THEIR AGE.
I'VE BEEN UP ALL NIGHT WONDERING ABOUT IT. WHAT DO YOU THINK?!
THE BEAUTIFUL THREE CAT BURGLAR SISTERS... I WONDER HOW THEY'VE MAINTAINED THEIR LOOKS? IT REALLY BOTHERS ME...
1
2
3

O...
OKAY.
COME THIS WAY!
CHRIS!
I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO THE OTHER MAIDS!

YES, MISS.
SHOW THESE THREE IN.
SHION.

WOW...
Y...
SUCH A PRETTY GIRL!
YES!
THIS WAY PLEASE.
I WILL SHOW YOU IN.
THIS IS...
CREAK
PLEASE COME WITH ME.

UWAAH!!
...THE MAID WAITING ROOM.

I HAVEN'T BEEN HERE VERY LONG, BUT WITH THINGS LIKE THIS...
ALL THE PEOPLE WHO WORKED HERE WERE SCARED AND QUIT. WHAT COULD I DO?
THAT... THAT SOUNDS AWFUL...

SINCE WE RECEIVED THAT LETTER OF INTENT ...
MY LADY HAS HIRED ON A LARGE NUMBER OF GUARDS AS MAIDS.
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FINE TO JUST HIRE THEM AS SECURITY GUARDS !!

IT'S SAD THAT WE'LL ONLY BE TOGETHER AS LONG AS IT TAKES TO SOLVE THIS INCIDENT.
BUT I'M RELIEVED SUCH CUTE PEOPLE HAVE COME HERE.
COME NOW, CHRIS!! CHANGE INTO THIS "MAID OF THE NIGHT" OUTFIT. WE'LL HAVE A PAJAMA PARTY!!
YEEEEK!!
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH GUARDING!
THEY HAVE COME!!
CAT... CAT BURGLARS!!
!!

KABOOOM
GWAAAAH!!
AMAZING! CLEARING THE SECURITY SYSTEMS ONE AFTER ANOTHER...
AND TRAPPING THE FOLLOWING SECURITY MAIDS WITH THE SECURITY SYSTEMS...!
THANKS TO THAT, WE'RE IN A TIGHT SPOT!
CATCH THEM, KEN-CHAN!

!!
THAT'S THE "IM-POSSIBLE SISTERS" ?!
BUT THERE'S ONLY 1
!!

どさっ
THUMP
AAAARGH!!
ZAAAAP
ビリビリビリビリ
ヨロッ
DIZZY
UGH!
!!
IS IT THE CULPRIT ?!
YOU?!
IT'S SHION-CHAN ?!

KEN-CHAN...
SHE COULDN'T BE SO YOUNG!!
...FOR HER TO HAVE FOUGHT WHEN RENA-SAN WAS STILL A MAGICAL GIRL...
IF SHE WAS ...
THAT... THAT CAN'T BE!
SHION-SAN IS IN THE "IM-POSSIBLE SISTERS" ?!
THE REAL "IM-POSSIBLE SISTERS" ?!
IT CAN'T BE!
TAP
?!
IS STILL TOO HEAVY A LOAD FOR YOU.
IT SEEMS THAT ACTING AS OUR REPLACE-MENT...
HEH HEH...

WE HAVE ARRIVED !!
LIKE A VIRGIN
TAA-DAA
"THE IM-POSSIBLE SISTERS"!
AT YOUR AGE AND IN YOUR CONDI-TION, I KEEP TELLING YOU LEOTARDS ARE A NO-NO!!
STOP IT, MAMA!!
IT IS SO (3)!
YEP, IT SURE IS (3).
I GUESS THE ANSWER IS (3).

(FUKANOU = IMPOSSIBLE)

...WHILE MAMA BECAME A HOUSE-WIFE AND LIVED OUT A NORMAL LIFE.
...MAMA'S TWO SIS-TERS CON-TINUED WORKING BY BECOM-ING PRO-FESSIONAL MODELS...
AFTER THE IM-POSSIBLE SISTER'S DEFEAT...
YOUNGER SISTER
FORMERLY: IMPOSSIBLE PANTHER
ELDER SISTER
FORMERLY: IMPOSSIBLE EAGLE
!!!

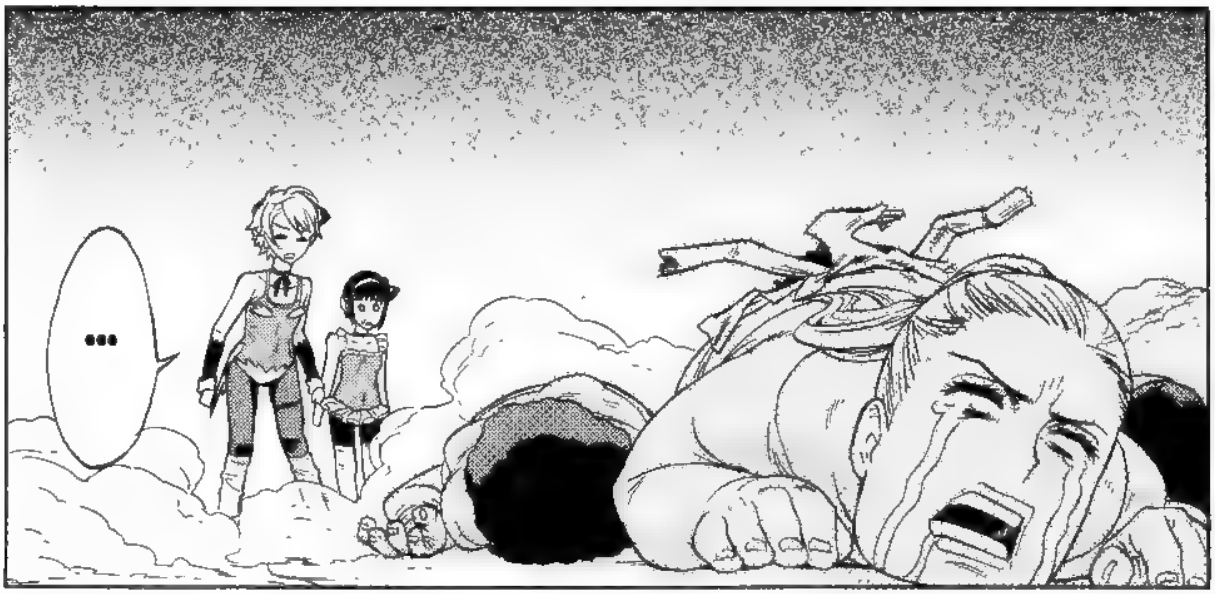
TAPPITY
TAPPITY
TAPPITY
DON'T UNDER-ESTI-MATE JAPA-NESE HOUSE-WIVES!!
SEE HOW NIMBLE HER FIN-GERS ARE?!
WHEN HELD ALOFT BY A SUSPENSION DEVICE, SATO-SAN'S WIFE (THE NEW IMPOS-SIBLE PAN-THER) HAS REMARKABLE MANUAL DEXTERITY.
SHE'S ALREADY DISABLED THE TRAPS!
"ORDI-NARY"?! HOW RUDE!!
THOSE TWO...THEY'RE ORDINARY HOUSEWIVES FROM THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD?!
EH...?
OUR NEIGHBORS, SATO-SAN AND SUZUKI-SAN FROM ACROSS THE STREET, GOT DRAWN IN, AND WE RESUMED CAT BURGLARY...

WITHDRAW, LADIES!!
ALL RIGHT, WE'VE GOT IT!!
WHIRRR
ヒュア...
Umgestaltung!!
UH...
UH-HUH!
TRANS-FORM!
KEN-CHAN! ASUKA!
NO YOU DON'T!

YAY !!
WHA ?!
WH...

IT'S ALL RIGHT... IT CAN... IT CAN STILL WORK!
WHAT ARE YOU MUMBLING TO YOURSELF, RENA-SAN?
THAT SHOULD NOT BE SOMETHING YOU AIM FOR!!
I TRIED LEOTARDS THIS TIME.
AIMING FOR OUR ENEMY'S STYLE...
?!
COME ON, BIKES!!
ガラ ガラ ガラッ
RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE
WE'LL BREAK OUT!!
UWAAAAH!!
VROOM VROOM
YOU'LL GET HURT IF YOU DON'T GET OUT OF THE WAY!!
IMPOSSIBLE STREAM ATTACK!!

!!!
LIKE A VIRGIN
LEAP
KRSSH
FWAP
FWAP
FWAP
SCREECH
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL


...

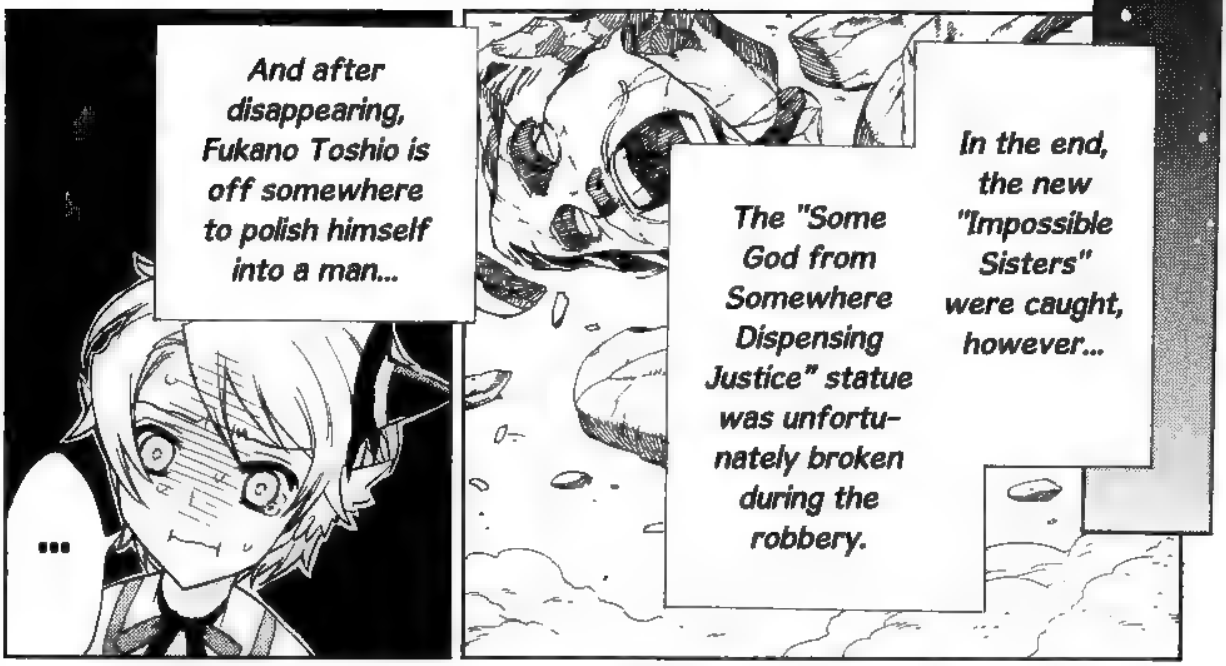
THERE WAS NO REASON TO BE IN LEOTARDS!!
CASE CLOSED, RIGHT?!
C...

L...
LET ME GO!!
?!

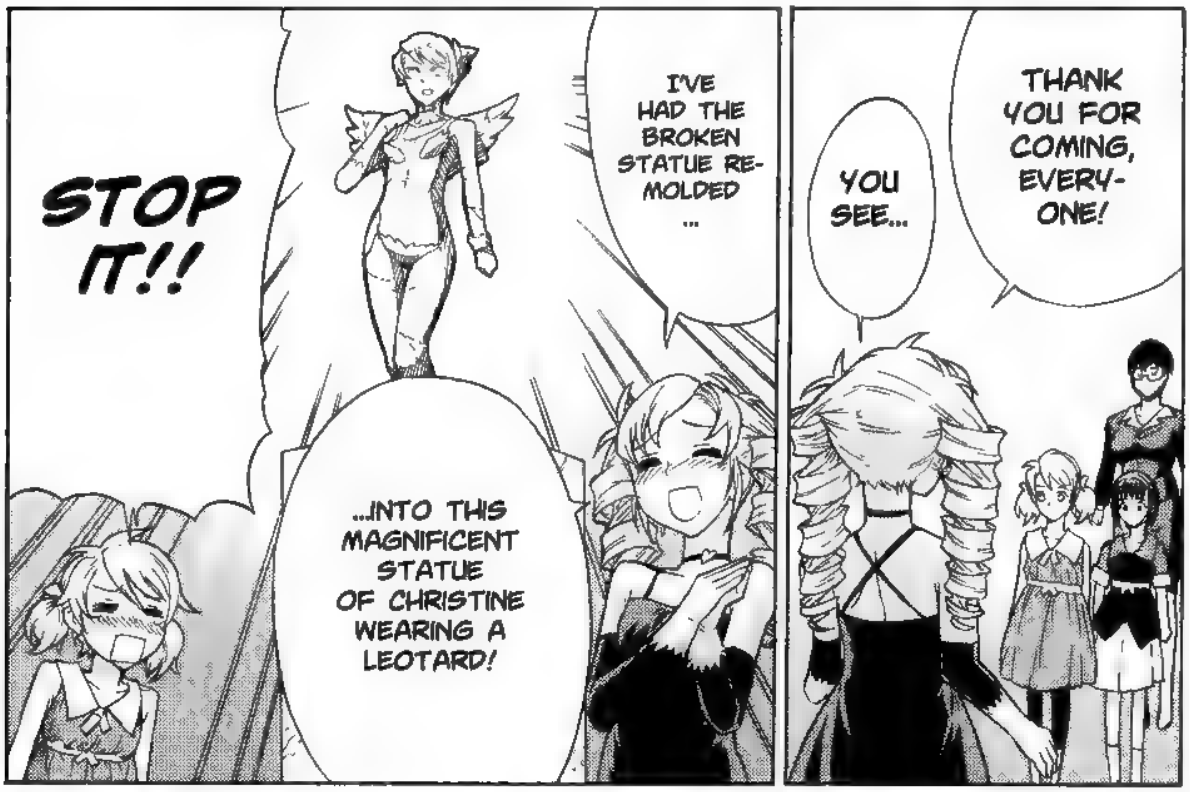
I...
HOW CAN I EXPOSE MYSELF TO THE WORLD NOW?
I CAN'T SURRENDER!
GIVE YOURSELF UP, TOO!!
TOSHIO-KUN!
SHION... NO... I MEAN...
I'VE SENT MAMA'S LETTERS OF CRIMINAL INTENT AND INFILTRATED HER TARGETS BY CROSS-DRESSING...
IT'S SO EMBARRASSING I CAN'T LIVE IN THIS WORLD ANYMORE!!
STAB
STAB
STAB
STAB
URG!
ACK!
UGH!
I WORE A MAID OUTFIT AND A LEOTARD!!
WITHOUT EVEN TRYING TO STOP MAMA...
EVEN THOUGH I'M A GUY...
STAB
UGH!!

I CAN'T BE ALLOWED TO BREATHE THE SAME AIR AS PEOPLE LIKE YOU!!
THAT'S NOT TRUE!!
!!
I'M...
K-KEN-CHAN?!
I'M ALSO A GUY!!
I'VE CROSS-DRESSED SEVERAL TIMES TO INVESTIGATE CASES...
WE'RE THE SAME!
SO WE SHOULD BECOME FRIENDS...
STOP IT!!
SUCH ...
SUCH ...

SUCH A CUTE LIE...
IT'S SO SWEET THAT I COULD FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU...
HUH?
I'LL SHOW YOU! SOMEDAY I'LL BE MAN ENOUGH TO LOOK YOU IN THE EYE... UNTIL THEN...
WAIT...
FARE-WELL!!
LISTEN TO WHAT I'M SAYING, DAMN IT!!
SWOOSH


And after disappearing, Fukano Toshio is off somewhere to polish himself into a man...
...
The "Some God from Somewhere Dispensing Justice" statue was unfortunately broken during the robbery.
In the end, the new "Impossible Sisters" were caught, however...

A few days later


STOP IT!!
I'VE HAD THE BROKEN STATUE RE-MOLDED ...
...INTO THIS MAGNIFICENT STATUE OF CHRISTINE WEARING A LEOTARD!
YOU SEE...
THANK YOU FOR COMING, EVERY-ONE!

KABOOM
GUWAA!
SLIIIDE
A...
ARE YOU OKAY ?!
YEAH...
HMM ?!
HEH HEH HEH!
LOOKS LIKE THIS IS AS FAR AS YOU GO, LITTLE GIRL...
!!!
NO WAY! YOU'RE...
A BOY ?!
HIDE

Chapter 5

THWACK
A GUY WEARING A CHEONGSAM? AREN'T YOU EMBARRASS-
OOOF!
A G... A G... A GUY!!
GYA HAHA HAHA HAHA HAHA
GRAB
IT'S NOT LIKE I ENJOY LOOKING LIKE THIS!!

AND CUT!!
OKAY!
WE'RE TAKING A BREAK TO PREP THE SET FOR THE NEXT SCENE.
SIGH...
WOW! YOUR ACTING WAS SO GOOD, SAKURAKO-CHAN!
TH... THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
YOUR PERFORMANCE WAS WONDERFUL! IT'S AS IF YOU ACTUALLY WERE A BOY WHO'S BEEN FORCED TO CROSS-DRESS!!
ISN'T THAT RIGHT?!
YEAH! WE WERE SO MOVED!
W-WELL THANK YOU...

GOOD JOB, KEN-CHAN!
THAT WAS GREAT, KENICHI-SAN!
UGH...
Her true identity is a high school boy of the "Brocken Bloodline" who fights evil alche-mists.
His name is Shurutsu Kenichi, but very few know that.
Showing overwhelming potential in all of these while rushing down the road to stardom is female middle school idol, Neuschwanstein Sakurako!
Singing, acting, looks—

...?
OH, COME NOW! CAN'T YOU SEE...
ON TOP OF THAT, THE HEM OF THIS COSTUME FLIES UP TOO EASILY, SO ANY ENER-GETIC MOVE-MENT IS DAN-GEROUS!
IT MAKES YOUR PERFORMANCE ALL THE MORE BELIEVABLE!
...HOW THAT HELPS?
I DON'T WANT TO DO THIS ANYMORE! BEING MADE TO COME TO A FOREIGN COUNTRY DRESSED LIKE THIS...
AND DOING IT IN FRONT OF A CAMERA!

PORTRAIT OF A CAT PERSON
ROSETTA STONE
STAINED GLASS MAN
AN EGYPTIAN KUNG-FU BOY LIVES IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM.
USING THE MYSTERIOUS POWER RESIDING IN THE VARIOUS ARTIFACTS, HE REPELS INTRUDING BURGLARS. IT'S A HIT MOVIE FROM CLOSE TO 20 YEARS AGO!
"MUSEUM ALONE — CASE OF THE MISSING EXCAVATED GOODS," A REMAKE WITH A COMPLETELY NEW CAST!
MOVING STATUE
WHAT AN AWFUL TITLE.

THIS ALL TAKES PLACE IN A MUSEUM. WHY WOULD I NEED TO CROSS-DRESS AT ALL?
A ROLE TRULY BEFITTING KEN-CHAN!
AND KEN-CHAN'S ROLE IS THE PROTAGONIST'S PARTNER, A BEAUTIFUL BOY AGENT CROSS-DRESSING OUT OF DUTY!!
THE BOY ACTOR IS PLENTY CUTE, BUT I WANT YOU TO GRAB MORE POPULARITY THAN THE PROTAGONIST!
THE PROTA-GONIST KUNG-FU BOY...
..IS PLAYED BY THE SUPER-WEAPON BOY MEMBER OF THE ONIWA-BAN FROM "BAKUMATSU BOY SHOGUN," NISHIKAWA-KUN.

AND THEN!
FOR THE ANTAGONIST, WE HAVE AN INTERNATIONAL ACTION STAR—
JEAN-CLAUDE BANTANI-SAN HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE CAST!!
SUPER BANTANING ACTION!!
WHAT COUNTRY IS HE FROM ?!

IF WE MAKE YOU SOME CONNECTIONS HERE..
WE COULD OPEN THE DOOR FOR SAKURAKO-CHAN TO BE A HOLLYWOOD ACTRESS!!
DON'T OPEN THAT DOOR !!
IN ANY CASE ...
DO YOUR BEST WITH THE SHOOT, KEN-CHAN!

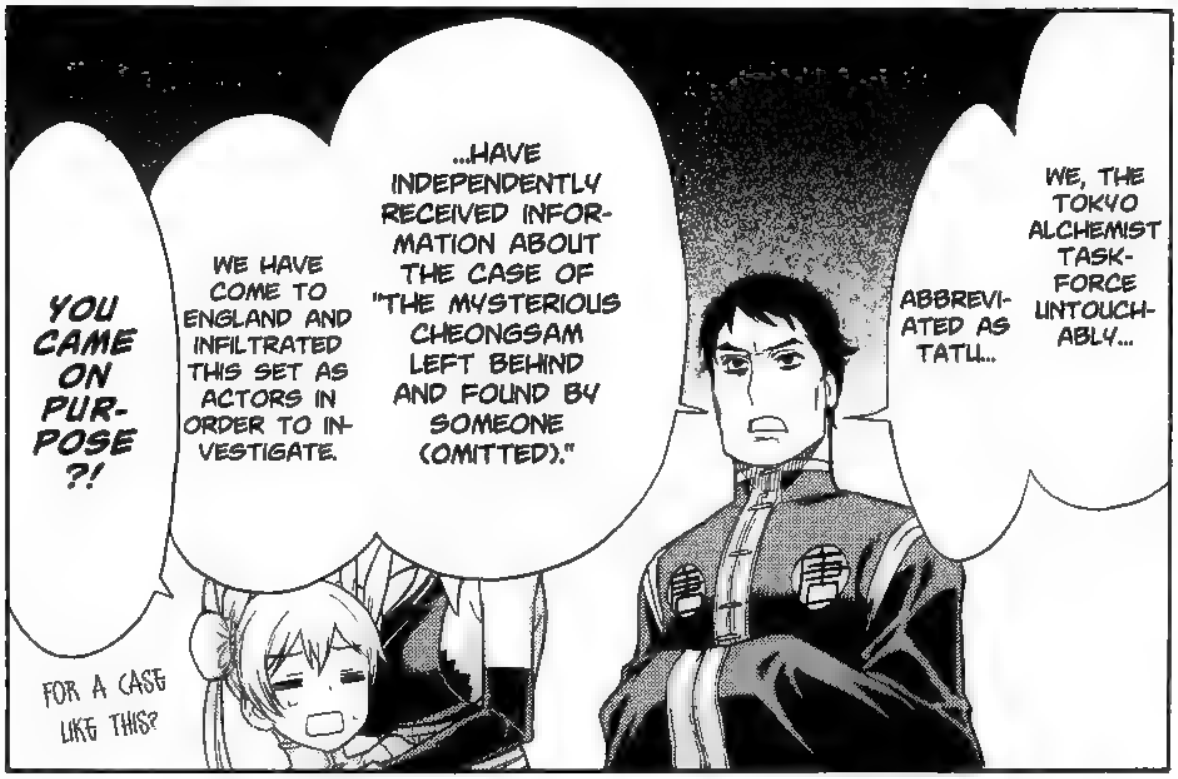
ON THIS SET, STRANGE INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED...
IT'S THE CASE OF "THE MYSTERIOUS CHEONGSAM LEFT BEHIND AND FOUND BY SOMEONE WHO SUDDENLY STARTS SINGING THE THEME FROM 'P*OJECT A' IN FAKE CANTONESE WHILE PUTTING IT ON AND THEN ATTACKING THE STAFF AND EQUIPMENT"...
NOW THAT WE HAVE INFILTRATED THE SET, ASUKA AND I WILL BE DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT!
WHAT THE HELL KIND OF CASE IS THAT?!

THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A PLOY TO DISRUPT FILMING!
ALL OF THE HARD WORK OF THE STAFF AND CAST TURNED TO NOTHING...
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE IT!
AND YOUR REAL MOTIVATION IS...?

NEUSCHWANSTEIN SAKURAKO-CHAN PLAYING A COMPLEX ROLE, SUCH AS A "BOY PRETENDING TO BE A GIRL."
IT'S ALREADY BECOME A TOPIC OF CONVERSATION AMONG THE FANS ...
THIS MOVIE... IT WILL BE A HIT!
...
SEEMS LIKE THE SCRIPT IS FULL OF LINES ABOUT MY BODY...
RUMBLE RUMBLE
ゴゴゴ

TO MAKE SAKURAKO-CHAN'S MOVIE DEBUT A SUCCESS...
I WON'T LET BLOODLINE ALCHEMISTS INTERFERE WITH THE SHOOTING WITH SOME STRANGE SCHEME!!
PUT THE INVESTIGATION FIRST!!
D-DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, KENICHI-SAN!
I'LL... I'LL DO YOUR INVESTIGATING FOR YOU, KENICHI-SAN...
SAKURAKO-CHAN!!
?!

HUG
IT'S BEEN SO LONG!!
KYAAAA, A CHEONGSAM!!
KA-KYOUIN KYOUKA-SAN?!
WHY ARE YOU HERE?!
SQUISH
KARA-YAMA-SAN, TOO?!
DIDN'T YOU KNOW?
WE'RE ALSO IN THE FILMING.


WE, THE TOKYO ALCHEMIST TASK-FORCE UNTOUCHABLY...
ABBREVIATED AS TATU...
...HAVE INDEPENDENTLY RECEIVED INFORMATION ABOUT THE CASE OF "THE MYSTERIOUS CHEONGSAM LEFT BEHIND AND FOUND BY SOMEONE (OMITTED)."
WE HAVE COME TO ENGLAND AND INFILTRATED THIS SET AS ACTORS IN ORDER TO INVESTIGATE.
YOU CAME ON PURPOSE?!
FOR A CAST LIKE THIS?

ON THE CASE AND THE FILM...
..LET'S DO OUR BEST!
WE HAVE A KUNG-FU FIGHT SCENE TOGETHER AFTER THIS.
THAT WILL BE FUN!
Y...
YES!
...?
ずも
LOOM
SOME-DAY... SOME-DAY...
SOMEDAY I'LL HAVE BIG BREASTS LIKE MAMA!!
?
WHAT ARE YOU CRYING ABOUT ASUKA ...?!
IT'S LIKE KENICHI-SAN IS FROM THE PLANET OF BREASTS!!

ACTION !!
WHAT'S WRONG ?!
WITH SUCH NARROW HIPS, YOU'LL NEVER DEFEAT ME!!
IT'S AS IF SHE REALLY IS "A BOY TRYING BASHFULLY TO KEEP FIGHTING EVEN THOUGH THE SEXY WOMAN IN FRONT OF HIM HAS CAUSED SOMETHING TO HAPPEN IN HIS SPECIAL PLACE"!!
OH!!
SAKURAKO-CHAN'S MOVEMENTS ...!!
I'D HEARD RUMORS THIS MIGHT HAPPEN...
A PERFORMANCE BATTLE BETWEEN KYOUKA-CHAN AND SAKURAKO-CHAN WITH THEIR PROFESSIONAL PRIDES ON THE LINE!
I CAN'T TEAR MY EYES AWAY FROM THEM!
HURRY ...
WHAT A REALISTIC PERFORMANCE!!
HURRY UP AND CUT!
ぷにゅん
BOING

THIS... THIS WILL BE AN AMAZING MOVIE!
NOW...
IF ONLY "THAT CASE" DOESN'T INTERFERE...
WHAAA!
BU. WAAAA AAA!!!
HONGYA HAN-GYAHA!!
UWAH.
JEAN-CLAUDE BANTANI-SAN IS ATTACKING WHILE SINGING THE THEME FROM "P*OJECT A" IN FAKE CANTONESE WHILE WEARING A CHEONGSAM !!
?!

K...
KEEP THE CAM-ERAS ROLL-ING!!
BEFORE ANY DAMAGE TO THE MUSEUM WE HAVE TO...
WE CAN'T SHOOT ANY-MORE!
DIREC-TOR?!
LOOK! THOSE MOVE-MENTS!
EVEN WITH HIS REMARKABLE CAREER, THAT'S THE BEST ACTION HE'S EVER SHOWN!
THIS IS AMAZING! WE MUST CAPTURE IT ON FILM!!
EVEN THOUGH HE'S DRESSED LIKE THAT?!
TURN
SA-KU-RAKO...
!
YEEEK!!
HE'S COME THIS WAY!!

!!!
YEAH...BUT DON'T YOU THINK THAT BLONDE IS PRETTY GOOD, STEPHEN?
IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S BEEN SOME TROUBLE, EH, GEORGE?
I SAID I'D COME BECAUSE THEY WERE FILMING IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM, BUT...
DON'T ASK FOR THE IMPOS-SIBLE !!
FIGHT COOLER !!
KEN-CHAN!
BIG-SHOT HOLLYWOOD DIRECTORS ARE WATCH-ING!
?!
!!
SAKU-RAKO-CHAN!
MATCH YOUR TIMING WITH ME!!

THUD
OOOOH!!

DAMN... USE-LESS CLOD!
GO!
MY SER-VANTS !!
OH MY GOD!! LOOK!!
?!

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
Umgestaltung!!
THWACK
GYAAAAH!
THE EXTRAS ARE ATTACKING, WEARING CHEONGSAMS AND SINGING THE THEME FROM "P*OJECT A" IN FAKE CANTONESE!!!
HENGYA HANGYO-HO!!

THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
HFF
HAA
HFF
HAA
UGH...
I... WHAT DID I...
?!
I WON'T ACCEPT IT!
I WON'T ACCEPT THIS OUT-COME...
DAMN IT ALL!

I WON'T ACCEPT BEING LEFT OUT OF THIS REMAKE OF "MUSEUM ALONE"!
I WON'T, NEUSCHWÄN-STEIN SAKURAKO !!

UM...
AND YOU ARE...?

THE CHILD ACTOR WHO ORIGINALLY PLAYED THE PARTNER OF THE PROTAGONIST, THE BEAUTIFUL BOY AGENT CROSS-DRESSING OUT OF DUTY!!
NOOOOOOO!!

THE WHOLE WORLD WENT ON AND ON ABOUT HOW CUTE I WAS...
...BUT AFTER MY VOICE CHANGED I COULDN'T GET ANY WORK!
SO I WAS BRANDED WITH, "IT'S ONLY NATURAL, BUT UNFORTUNATELY THE CHILD ACTOR GREW UP"!!

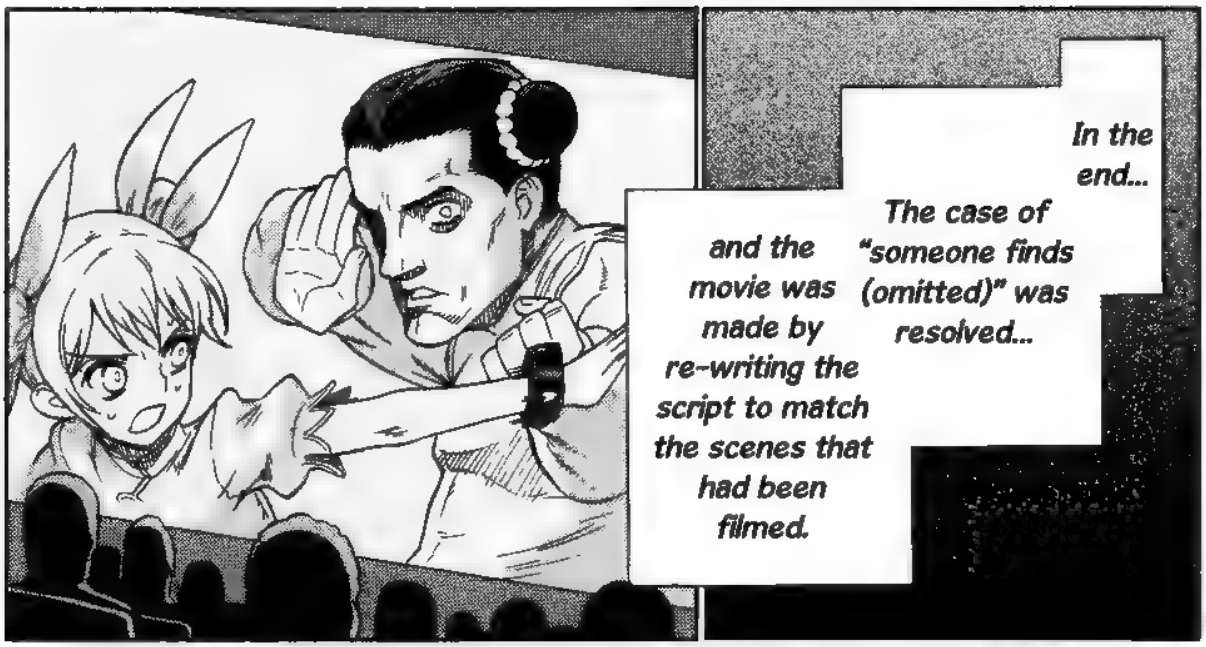
AND BE-CAUSE OF CROSS-DRESSING SO MUCH THEN...
FLAP
...NOW I CROSS-DRESS OUT OF HABIT!
WAAAAAAAH!!

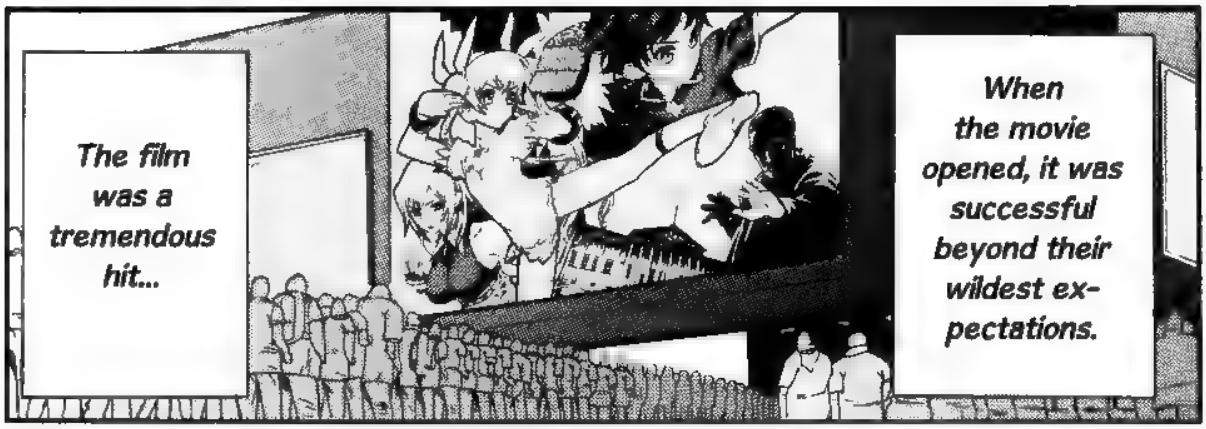
BUT I GOT AHOLD OF THE "BROCKEN BLOODLINE" POWER!
AND THEN...
WITH IT, I'LL TAKE MY ROLE BACK FROM NEUSCHWANSTEIN SAKURAKO!

I WILL CONTROL THE ENTERTAINMENT WORLD...
...AND IMPOSE A "RETIRED CHILD ACTORS AT AGE 60" HIRING POLICY ON THE ENTERTAINMENT WORLD.

THWACK
BUHHAAA?!
BE PUNISHED!!

...
I HOPE I'VE TAUGHT HIM THAT LESSON.
WE ABSOLUTELY CAN'T BECOME LIKE THIS.
CHILD ACTORS ...
THUMP


In the end...
The case of "someone finds (omitted)" was resolved...
and the movie was made by re-writing the script to match the scenes that had been filmed.


The film was a tremendous hit...
When the movie opened, it was successful beyond their wildest expectations.

DON'T SEE THAT !!
I CAN SEE AN ACADEMY AWARD FOR LEADING ACTRESS, KEN-CHAN!!
GEORGE AND STEPHEN HAVE MADE AN OFFER TO SAKURAKO-CHAN...
I'M NOT AN ACTRESS!
And then...
KEN-CHAN!
THIS IS HUGE !!
WHAT'S GOT YOU SO EXCITED, RENA-SAN?

Chapter 6

3
WE'RE HERE, KEN-CHAN.
THIS IS WHERE NEXT CASE IS!
3
A MOVIE SOUND-STAGE?
THAT'S RIGHT!

HOLLY-WOOD ?!
THE BIG HOLLYWOOD MOVIE FILM-ING ON THIS SOUNDSTAGE IS IN DANGER!!
IT'D BE TERRIBLE IF WE DIDN'T SOLVE THE MYSTERY CASE THAT'S HAPPENING HERE!!

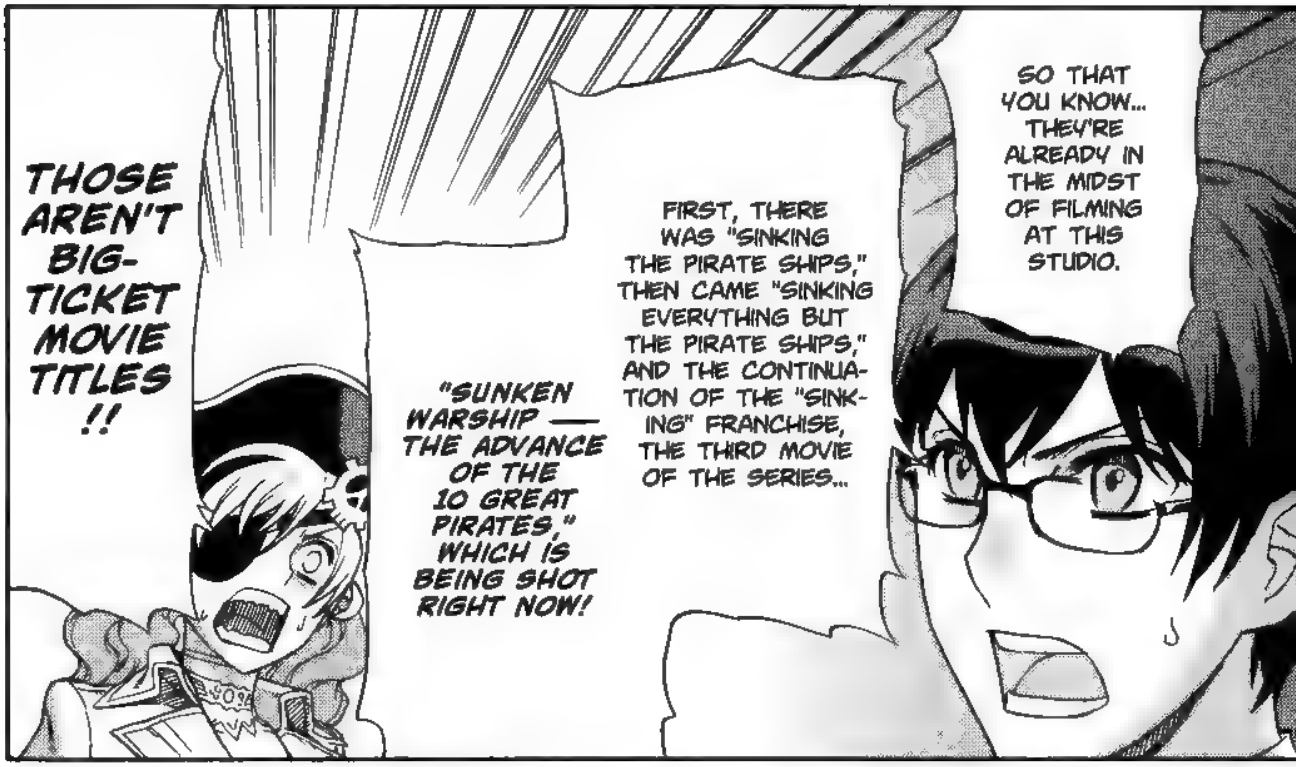
EH?!
WAIT... RENA-SA...
HURRY AND PUT ON YOUR COS-TUME!!
COME ON, KEN-CHAN!!

It was built here recently...
...a set using Japan's highest-tier CG composition screens.

Chapter 6
TAA-DAA
AH...
IT'S WONDER-FUL, KENICHI-SAN!
WHAT'S WITH THIS OUTFIT...?
PI-RATES ?
THAT'S RIGHT!

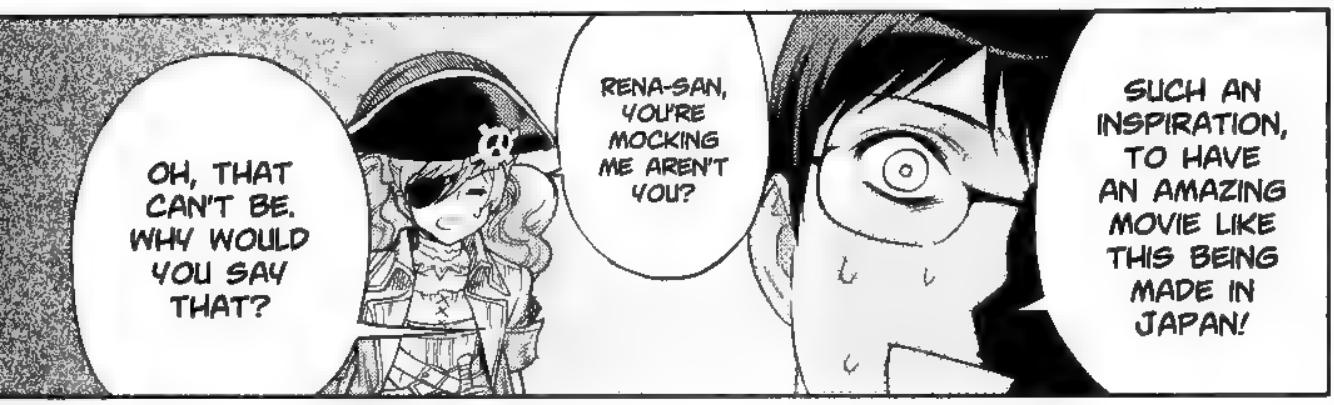
BASTARD! AREN'T YOU CHOU?!
"Pirates"
After overcoming numerous hardships, right before them appears their "most evil, most insane enemy of all"!!
They love freedom and adventure. (They're really cool people.)
SPLASH
SPLSH
KRSSH
And in the latest work of THAT series...
...Japan's idol Neuschwanstein Sakurako is set to appear!!
DUMDADUMMM

WHAT TIME PERIOD IS THIS SUPPOSED TO BE?!
THE PROTAGONIST IS A FORMER S.E.A.L. INSTRUCTOR HIDING AS A COOK ON A PIRATE SHIP.
HIS SHIP, THE "MISSOURI," IS BOARDED BY SPACE PIRATES. CAN HE STOP THEM FROM LAUNCHING A SEA MISSILE?!


SO THAT YOU KNOW... THEY'RE ALREADY IN THE MIDST OF FILMING AT THIS STUDIO.
FIRST, THERE WAS "SINKING THE PIRATE SHIPS," THEN CAME "SINKING EVERYTHING BUT THE PIRATE SHIPS," AND THE CONTINUATION OF THE "SINKING" FRANCHISE, THE THIRD MOVIE OF THE SERIES...
"SUNKEN WARSHIP —— THE ADVANCE OF THE 10 GREAT PIRATES," WHICH IS BEING SHOT RIGHT NOW!
THOSE AREN'T BIG-TICKET MOVIE TITLES !!

In the last scene of the previous movie, "Sinking Everything but the Pirate Ships," Nagasaki's Dejima* disappeared along with the protagonist, Captain Ryback.
*Built in 1634, Dejima is a manmade island that was the only place foreigners could conduct trade with the Japanese during the Edo period (1603–1868).
THAT'S A PRETTY BIG SCALE...
Coming to participate in an operation to salvage Dejima...
Sakurako's role is that of a female captain from Holland.
She meets Captain Ryback, who was supposed to have died when he earlier destroyed the Baltic fleet.
LIKE I WAS SAYING, WHAT TIME PERIOD WAS THIS SUPPOSED TO BE ?!

UK
NETHER RYBACK (VOICE-OOTSUKA AKIO)
KOREA
USA
POTTER RYBACK (VOICE-OOTSUKA AKIO)
PA RYBACK (VOICE-OOTSUKA AKIO)
CAPTAIN RYBACK (VOICE-OOTSUKA AKIO)
SWISS
EGYPT
INDIA
HONG KONG
JAPAN
YODEL RYBACK (VOICE-OOTSUKA AKIO)
MORI BUILDING (VOICE-OOTSUKA AKIO)
KHAMUN RYBACK (VOICE-OOTSUKA AKIO)
SAMOAN RYBACK (VOICE-MIZUSHIMA YUU)
MAHARAJAH RYBACK (VOICE-OOTSUKA AKIO)
THEY MUST TRAVEL THE WORLD...
TO GATHER THE "NINE LEGENDARY FORMER S.E.A.L.S"!
WHAT THE HELL?!
THAT IS "SUNKEN WAR-SHIP"!!
AN EMOTIONAL, ACTION ADVENTURE TO SAVE THE WORLD FROM DESTRUC-TION...

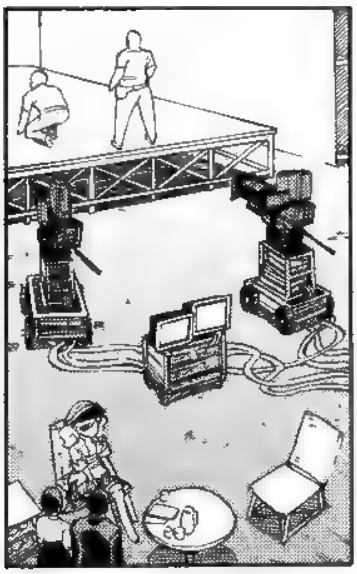

OH, THAT CAN'T BE. WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT?
RENA-SAN, YOU'RE MOCKING ME AREN'T YOU?
SUCH AN INSPIRATION, TO HAVE AN AMAZING MOVIE LIKE THIS BEING MADE IN JAPAN!

IN ANY CASE ...
THIS IS TO MAKE SAKURAKO-CHAN'S HOLLY-WOOD DEBUT A SUCCESS AND...
HUH? THAT...
THAT'S AN ACTUAL CASE!!
TSUCHINOKO
AT THIS SITE...
...WE NEED TO SOLVE THE "THINGS THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO BE ADDED IN LATER BY COMPOSITE SCREENING CG ARE FALLING ONTO THE SET" CASE!!
THINGS THAT SHOULDN'T EXIST ARE SHOWING UP, ONE AFTER ANOTHER.
THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM THE USUAL CASES!

THE INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN HAPPENING HERE FOR A WHILE, HOWEVER ...
STEPHEN AND GEORGE OFFERED US THIS MOVIE DEAL SO...
I SUG-GESTED USING A JAPANESE CAST AND HAVING THE FILM SHOT HERE.
EH...?
THEN THIS CASE HAS BEEN JUST IGNORED UNTIL NOW?
...

SAKURA-KO-CHAN! ♡
!
HEY! KAKYOUIN KYOUKA-CHAN IS HERE TO COOPERATE!
A-ANYWAY, DO YOUR BEST WITH THE SHOOT!
I'M PLAYING SAKURAKO-CHAN'S CREW-MEMBER!
TREAT ME WELL, CAPTAIN-SAN! ♡
I...
I WILL!

ACTION !!
EE...
EYA-AAAA AAAH !!
THE GIANT OCTOPUS' TENTACLE IS INSIDE MY CLOTHING !!
WHY DO I HAVE TO DO THIS ?!
LOOK!
IT'S LIKE THE OCTOPUS IS REALLY WRAPPING HER UP!
OH!
WONDER-FUL! SUCH REALISTIC DESPERATION IN SAKURA-KO'S ACT-ING!



CUT!!
OKAY !!
GREAT ACTING, SAKURAKO !!
LET'S TAKE A BREAK !!
...

YOUR ACTING WAS WONDERFUL!
WAIT... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, KEN-CHAN ?!
WHY ARE PEOPLE BORN ANYWAY ...?
MORE THAN THAT, I WISH I COULD DIE...
UGH... I WANNA GO HOME...
DEPRESSED

I'M NOT HAPPY AT ALL!!
ISN'T THAT AN HONOR ?!
VFX SUPERVISOR
THEY WILL USE THEIR TECHNIQUES AND COMPOSITE IN A GIANT OCTOPUS' TENTACLE!!
THAT PERFORMANCE WILL BE WORKED ON BY THE WORLD'S BEST CG STAFF THAT GEORGE LEADS.

AFTER SHOOTING A SCENE THAT'S SUPPOSED TO HAVE CG ADDED IN BY COMPOSITE LATER, THE REAL THING IS SUPPOSED TO DROP IN. SO...
WHAT IF IT REALLY DROPS IN THIS TIME?
?!
MAMA... KENICHI-SAN...
I'VE BEEN THINK-ING...
KABOOM
NO !!
GIANT OCTOPUS TENTACLES FROM THE SKY!!
GYAAA!!

HUH?!
SNAG
SWIPE
しゅるるるっ
WHOAAAAA!!
KEN-CHAN !!
YEEEEK!!
IT'S ALL STICKY !!
KENICHI-SA...

S...
STOP IT!!
SPURT
BLOOD ?!
S...
SOME-ONE'S BEEN INJURED !!
AH... ASUKA !!
SLUMP

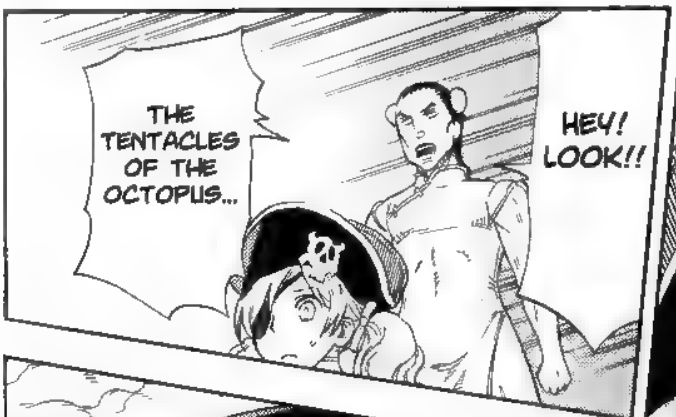
SNATCH
?!
I'LL SAVE Y...
EEK!
SAKURA-KO-CHAN!!
KYOUKA-SAN?!
KYA-AAAA AAA!!
SLITHER SLITHER
にゅるる
DON'T !!
NOOOO !!

KYAAAA!!
BOING
ポロリ〜ッ
!!!
!!
SPURT
IT HURT SAKURA-KO-CHAN !!
FILTHY BASTARD !!
DAMN !!
WHAT CAN WE DO?!
LEAVE IT TO US!!
?!

DURING THE CASE OF "THE MYSTERIOUS CHEONGSAM LEFT BEHIND AND FOUND BY SOMEONE WHO SUDDENLY STARTS SINGING THE THEME FROM 'P*OJECT A' IN FAKE CANTONESE WHILE PUTTING IT ON AND THEN ATTACKING THE STAFF AND EQUIPMENT"...
WE FELL FOR THE ENEMY'S TRICK AND CAUSED A LOT OF PROB-LEMS...
YOU!!
YOU'RE THE INTER-NATIONAL ACTION STAR JEAN-CLAUDE BANTANI-SAN!!
WE'LL VINDICATE OUR HONOR FOR ALL TO SEE!!
WE WILL ACCEPT THE POWER OF "BLOODLINE"!
THIS TIME, IN ORDER TO OPPOSE THE POWER OF THE "BLOODLINE"...
?!
FVIP

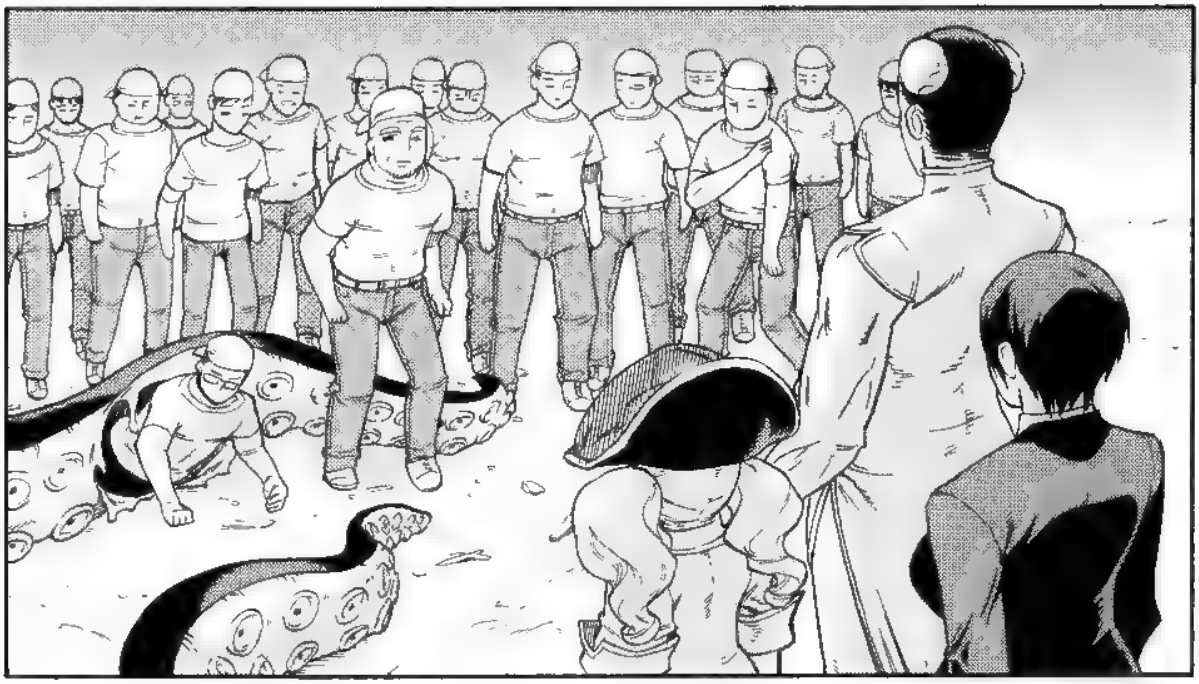
JEAN-CLAUDE BANTANI-SAN AND COMPANIONS IN CHEONGSAM (OMITTED) STARTED FIGHTING THE OCTOPUS' TENTACLES !!
HANGYA HARARA-HOI!!
...

SHHHHHHHHH


THE TENTACLES OF THE OCTOPUS...
HEY! LOOK!!

THERE ARE PEOPLE INSIDE THEM!!

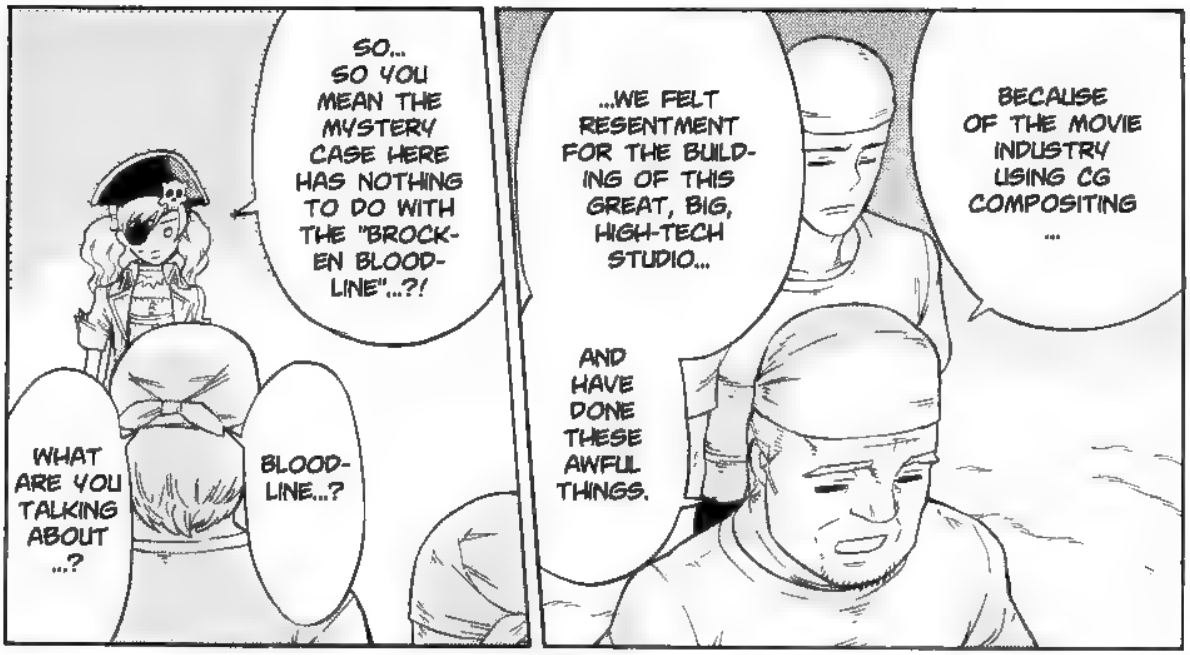
UH...
UGH...



YES...
YOU WERE BEHIND THIS MYSTERY CASE?

WH... WHAT IN THE WORLD ...?

NOW, WITH MORE MOVIES USING CG SPECIAL EFFECTS, OUR WORK IS RUNNING OUT...
WE ARE MINIATURE AND PRACTICAL SPECIAL EFFECTS ARTISANS WHO'VE WORKED ON MOVIE SETS FOR MANY LONG YEARS...

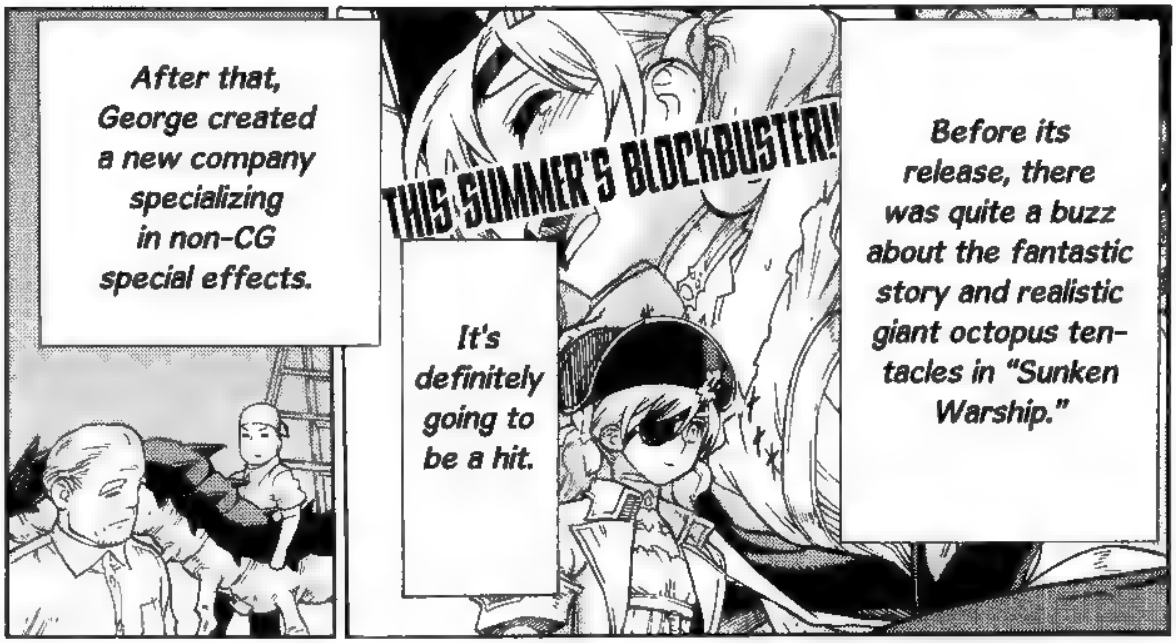

SO... SO YOU MEAN THE MYSTERY CASE HERE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE "BROCKEN BLOODLINE"...?!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ...?
BLOODLINE...?
...WE FELT RESENTMENT FOR THE BUILDING OF THIS GREAT, BIG, HIGH-TECH STUDIO...
AND HAVE DONE THESE AWFUL THINGS.
BECAUSE OF THE MOVIE INDUSTRY USING CG COMPOSITING ...

WHO WERE MOVING THOSE TENTACLES ?
SO... YOU WERE THE ONES...
BUT AT LEAST WE WENT OUT WITH A BANG...
OUR TECHNIQUES HAVE SIMPLY REACHED THEIR LIMIT.
ALL THIS HARASSMENT HAS BEEN ULTIMATELY POINTLESS.

YOU!
IT'S THE VFX SUPERVISOR AND PRODUCER, GEORGE-SAN!!
?!

...?!
DIRECTOR, WERE YOU FILMING JUST THEN?
YES, GEORGE-SAN.
OKAY. LATER WE'LL CHECK IT.
MAYBE WE CAN PUT IT IN THE MOVIE.
!!
YOU ARE ALL VERY SKILLED...
UWA AAAA AH!!

THIS IS JUST ENDING WITH A GOOD TALK?!
AND AFTER I'VE BEEN TREATED LIKE THAT?!
EH... WAIT...
YES! YES!
YES!
...


After that, George created a new company specializing in non-CG special effects.
THIS SUMMER'S BLOCKBUSTER!!
It's definitely going to be a hit.
Before its release, there was quite a buzz about the fantastic story and realistic giant octopus tentacles in "Sunken Warship."

WHO'S GOING TO DO IT?!
...THERE'S AN OFFER TO ENACT THE SCENE WHERE YOU'RE ATTACKED BY THE OCTOPUS' TENTACLE!!
KEN-CHAN!! FOR THE MOVIE'S WORLD PREMIERE...
THEY'VE PREPARED AN EXTRAORDINARY PAYMENT!
Chapter 6/Fin

Chapter 7
IT'S TIME!
OVER THERE —IN THE SKY!
Hokkai-do
Touyako
PARA
PARA
PARA
バラバラバラバラバラ
A HELICOPTER IS COMING CLOSER TO THE GROUNDS!!
IT'S A HELI-COPTER ...
SQUEAK
キュッ
PRIME MINISTER HANIHO HENIZOU AND SEVERAL MINISTERS ARE WATCHING.
IT'S LANDED ON THE GROUNDS !!
NOW, ALL ATTENTION IS HERE FOR THAT PERSON.

Chapter 7

Racing down the road to stardom, it's the female middle school idol Neu-schwanstein Sakurako.
In truth, she is...
a high school boy of the "Brocken Bloodline" who fights evil alche-mists.
His name is Shurutsu Kenichi, but few people know that.
...

AFTER ALL...
THEY'RE OVERFLOWING WITH EXCITEMENT!!
THERE'S A LARGE GATHERING OF SAKURAKO FANS ON SITE!!

THIS IS SAKURAKO-CHAN'S MUCH ANTICIPATED LATEST CREATION...
"THE FIRST TOUYAKO INTERNATIONAL FANTASTIC CALDERACHECK FILM FESTIVAL"!
IT'S NOW GOING TO OPEN TO THE WORLD !!

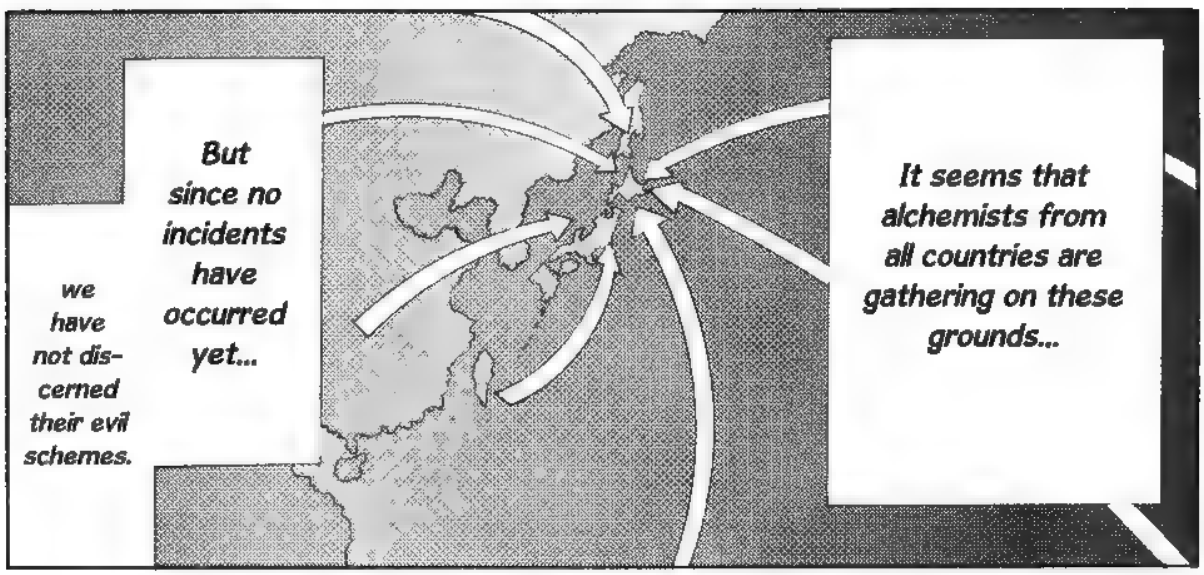
THIS FILM FESTIVAL'S INAUGURAL THEME IS "THINK ABOUT CALDERACHECK IN CONNECTION WITH MOVIES AND THE EARTH'S ENVIRONMENT AMID THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF TOUYAKO."
WHAT IS "CALDERACHECK"?!

DON'T MAKE FUN OF SAKURA-KO-CHAN!!
YOU FOOL !!
URK
SHE'S CUTE, BUT SHE'S KINDA FLAT CHESTED.
OH! THAT'S NEUSCHWANSTEIN SAKURAKO, HUH?
GRR!
LIKE THEY'LL EVER SWELL, IDIOT!!
JUST LIKE SHOWA SHINZAN* !!
THERE WILL BE A DAY WHEN THEY WILL SUDDENLY SWELL OUT!!
STORED ENERGY
IMAGE MAP
SAKURAKO-CHAN'S BREASTS HAVE YET TO DEVELOP!!
*A MOUNTAIN THAT ROSE SUDDENLY, CIRCA 1943 - 1945
I WISH THEY'D ALL DIE!!
SHOWA SHIN-ZAN!!
SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WHEN THEY SWELL IN THE NEAR FUTURE?!
CAL-DE-RA!!
THAT'S RIGHT!
SAKURAKO-CHAN IS BETTER WITH NO BREASTS!!
HER-ESY !!

AND SO, NOW...
AS A PART OF THIS MOVIE FESTIVAL, THE SOON TO BE RELEASED "SUNKEN WARSHIP" WILL PREMIERE. USING ALL OF THIS GREAT PR...
...WE'LL DRAG OUT ANY ALCHE-MISTS WHO'VE INFILTRAT-ED THE FESTIVAL !!

WHY DO WE NEED TO STAND OUT SO MUCH WHEN WE'RE INFILTRATING TO INVESTI-GATE?!
MY BACK IS SO COLD I CAN'T THINK!
DON'T SAY THAT!! IT'S WAY TOO EMBAR-RASSING!!
GRIP
IN ANY CASE, THE ARRIVAL ON SCENE BY HELICOP-TER...
AND THE OPEN-BACK SEXY DRESS WERE A COMPLETE SUCCESS!

AAAARGH!!
I WAS TRYING NOT TO THINK ABOUT THAT!!
WE'RE HERE TO PREMIERE YOUR "BEING WRAPPED UP BY A GIANT OCTOPUS TENTACLE" TO THE WORLD, AREN'T WE?!
WHAT ARE YOU ON ABOUT NOW, KEN-CHAN? HOW CAN YOU BE EMBARRASSED ABOUT SHOWING OFF YOUR BACK?
JUST REMEMBERING...
UH...
ぽたぽた DRIP DRIP


It seems that alchemists from all countries are gathering on these grounds...
But since no incidents have occurred yet...
we have not discerned their evil schemes.

STOP SAYING IT LIKE THAT!!
KEN-CHAN, YOU NEED TO SHOW OFF THAT BACK FOR THE PR OF THE MOVIE!
SO, UNTIL OUR ENEMIES MOVE...
AND A LARGE NUMBER OF THEM WOULD LIKE TO GET "CLOSER" TO SAKURAKO-CHAN IN ALL KINDS OF WAYS...
THROUGHOUT THESE GROUNDS AND HOTELS ARE COUNTLESS PEOPLE...
YOU MUST BE CAREFUL OF THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU, KEN-CHAN.
!
ACHTUNG PRODUCTIONS (SAKURAKO-CHAN'S AGENCY PRESIDENT: YOMODA RENA) —SAN!
WE MUST HAVE SAKURAKO-CHAN FOR US!
PLEASE ALLOW US A WORD.
THAT WON'T HAPPEN!
IF SOMETHING HAPPENED AND SAKURAKO-CHAN WAS SUDDENLY FORCED TO MARRY BECAUSE OF IT, EVERYTHING WE'VE AMASSED SO FAR...!!

AND WHEN SHE DIES, IT'LL BE IN STANDING MODE.
YOU SHOULDN'T TAKE YOUR CAREER IN THAT DIRECTION SO SOON !!
ARE YOU SERI-OUS ?!
AN ON-LOCA-TION GIANT ROBOT ?!
WE'RE WAGERING OUR COMPANY'S FORTUNES ON AN ON-LOCATION GIANT ROBOT MOVIE. TO ENSURE ITS SUCCESS, WE WOULD LIKE TO GET SAKURAKO-CHAN TO PERFORM.
REMEMBER "*WHO"?!
SAKURA-CHAN WILL BE THE BEAUTIFUL HEROINE PILOT.
?!
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?
I HAVE BUSINESS WITH SAKURAKO-CHAN.
WOULD YOU ALL MIND STEPPING ASIDE FOR A BIT?
MY GOOD-LOOKING MAN SENSOR AND BLOODLINE SENSORS ARE GETTING A STRONG RESPONSE ...
IS IT AN ENEMY ?!
BEEP
!!
PSSHHH
GAH?!
HASN'T IT GOTTEN TOO QUIET OUTSIDE...?
?

GORGEOUS MAN
IT IS NOT, RENA-SAN!
THIS GUY WAS OUR ENEMY WHEN WE SAW HIM LAST—THE MAGICIAN CARLO-SAN!
I'M SO HAPPY YOU REMEMBER ME.
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING THIS TIME?!
HEH HEH...
I'M BEING HIRED EVEN AS WE SPEAK.
YO.
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, SAKURAKO-CHAN.
CLICK
?!

A HOT TALENT RECEIVES POWER FROM A DEMON AND IS FORCED TO PRETEND TO BE A SEMI-GROTESQUE HERO.
IT'S A MOVIE AIMED AT THE FASHION-CONSCIOUS CLASSES, AND IT'S PREDICTED THE PROFITS SHOULD BLOOM NICELY. HOWEVER...
DEMON!
...SEVERAL INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED, AND OUR SUCCESS IS NOW THREATENED. TO SAVE THIS FILM WE NEED TO BORROW SAKURAKO-CHAN'S POWER.

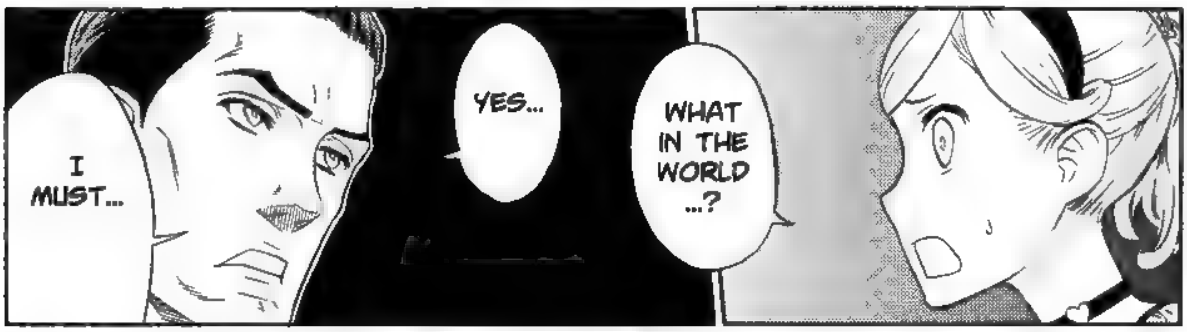
I'VE GOT A VERY BAD FEEL-ING ABOUT THIS !!
WE NEED SAKURAKO-CHAN'S STARDOM AND HER BODY IN A FEMALE DEMON COSTUME TO APPEAR IN OUR MOVIE!
I WAS SELECTED FOR MY LOOKS, BUT WE NEED A LEAD WITH RELIABLE ACTING POWER. THE WAY THINGS ARE...
YOU HAVE A QUALITY THAT WILL STRADDLE THE THURSDAY MOVIE CROWD.

NO MATTER WHAT I HAVE TO DO, YOU'LL APPEAR IN MY FILM!!
!!!
SPEWWW
SNIFF
?!
AH!!
I WANT TO SIGN THE CONTRACT !!
FLUTTER
FLUTTER
I FEEL LIKE I WANT TO SIGN THE CONTRACT FOR SAKURA-KO-CHAN TO APPEAR IN THAT MOVIE RIGHT AWAY!!
HA HA HA! THE CONTRACT IS HERE!!!
HEY!
RENA-SAN, GET A GRIP!!
BAM
LIKE I'D LET YOU ?!

THWACK
FUAAA!!
WH...
WHAT WAS I ABOUT TO...?
IT'S LIKE I SMELLED AN INCREDIBLY LARGE SUM OF MONEY...
SLIIIIDE
HA HA HA! THAT WAS A DANGEROUS SPOT THERE, HUH?
BY THE WAY...
WHA...?
"MIKITA-KUN"?!

RENA-SAN!!
I WANT TO SIGN IT!!
AH! I WANT TO SIGN IT!
WON'T YOU SIGN THIS CONTRACT HERE RIGHT AWAY?
MAGICAL AURA
みょ
SNATCH
SLITHER
GUAAA AAAAH!!
?!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT ?!
GEORGE-SAN!
...AND INTERNATIONAL ACTION STAR JEAN-CLAUDE BANTANI-SAN, TOO?!


I MUST...
YES...
WHAT IN THE WORLD ...?

THERE MUST BE AT LEAST A HUNDRED "BROCKEN BLOODLINE" ALCHEMISTS GATHERED HERE FROM THE FILM INDUSTRIES OF ALL COUN-TRIES!!
...I MUST OBTAIN A CONTRACTUAL PROMISE FROM SAKURAKO-CHAN TO APPEAR IN A FILM.
AT THIS FILM FESTI-VAL...
...

RUMBLE
HEY! HEY! HEY! I'VE GOT A CONTRACT IN HAND!!
NO, I DO!!
UWAA AAH!!
HMPH!
THEY'RE HERE!!
BE AT EASE, SAKURAKO-CHAN.
YOU WILL SEE ALL OUR POWER IS CONCENTRATED ON PROTECTING YOU!!
LET'S GO!!
FWAP
FWAP FWAP
YEAH!!

HOICHO HORORO !
WHAT IS THAT ?!
SOMETHING STRONG ENOUGH TO FINISH OFF THOSE COMING ALCHEMISTS..?!
WHAM
GUAAAAH!
?!
YOU PEONS !!
OUT OF THE WAY!!

AH...
THOSE PEOPLE ARE...!!

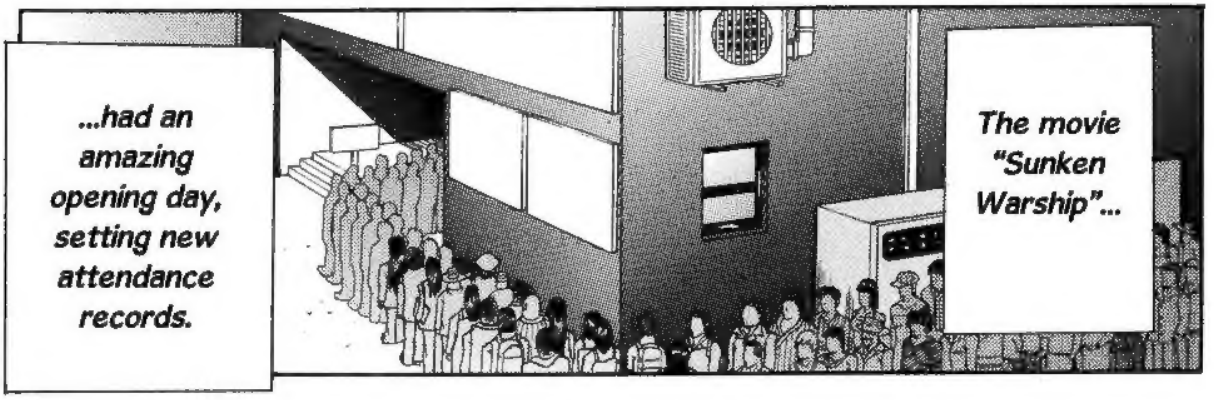
SAKURAKO-CHAN WILL APPEAR IN MY SEQUEL!!
NO, SHE'LL BE A BEAUTIFUL GIRL ANDROID IN MY SEQUEL!!
SHE NEEDS TO BE IN MY SEQUEL AS A BEAUTIFUL GIRL FOR THE SAKE OF HER CAREER!!
NO NO, SHE'S A PERFECT FIT FOR THE DAUGHTER ROLE IN MY SEQUEL!!
THWACK
THWACK
THWACK

I JUST PUT A CHEONGSAM ON AND RODE AN OCTOPUS TEN-TACLE...
...
ゴゴゴゴゴゴゴゴゴゴゴ
RUMBLE RUMBLE
A... AMAZ-ING!!
ALL THOSE ENEMIES WERE WIPED OUT BY ALL THOSE HOLLYWOOD PEOPLE SHOOTING SEQUELS!!
?!
WHACK
ゴッ
HAA
TO THE LAST MAN STANDING...
GOES SAKURA-CHAN... HUH
HAA
HFF
ポン
POP
ペチッ
THWACK
スカ
HFF HAA
IF IT'S LIKE THIS...
WHOAAA!
HFF
HAA
BY FIGHT-ING IT OUT...
WE WILL RESOLVE THIS!
GASP
BIFF
ヨボボボ
BIFF
ボボボボ
BIFF
OLD PEOPLE SHOULDN'T BE SO OB-STINATE!

?!
THWACK
WHO...
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?
YOU HAVE NO NEED TO FIGHT.
HOW ABOUT WE CALL IT A WRAP?
P...
PRIME MINIS-TER HANIHO !!
...AND MECHA PRIME MINIS-TER?!

ATTACK THE ENEMY BASE, FRIENDLY.
WHAT THE HELL ?!
HOW IN THE WORLD THAT TUGGED ON THEIR HEART-STRINGS, I HAVE NO IDEA!
THAT'S RIGHT!
CRASH
WE HAD NO REASON TO BE FIGHTING !!

And so...
in the shadows of the film festival, the "battle for Neuschwanstein Sakurako" closed its curtains without anyone knowing.
Thus, the festival ended safely.


The movie "Sunken Warship"...
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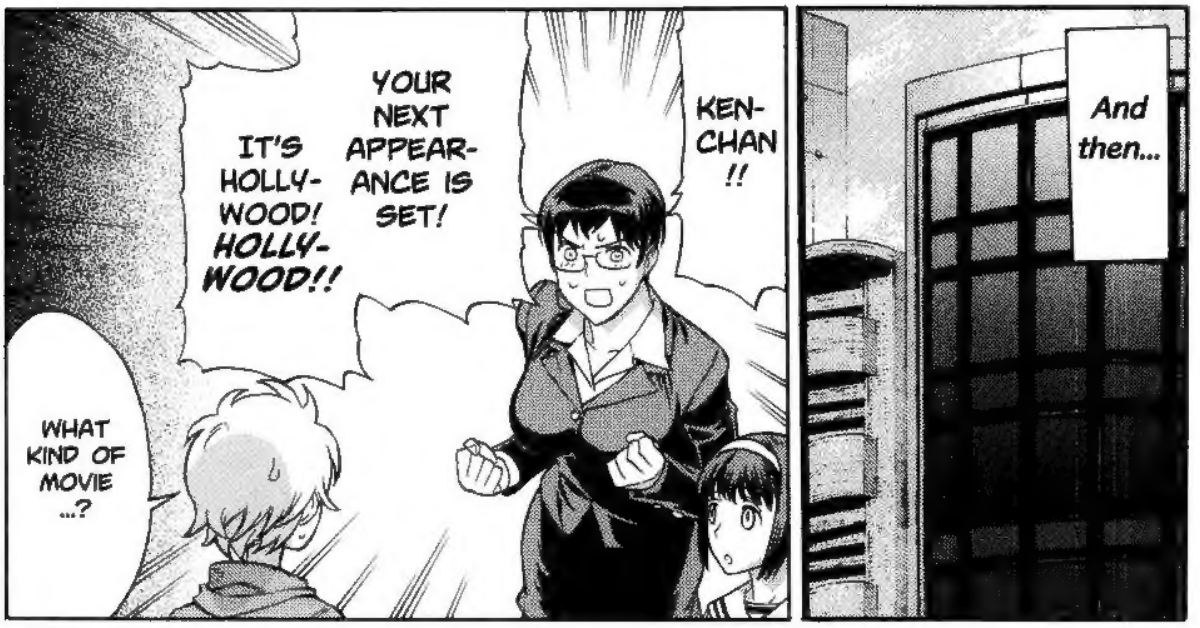
And then...
KEN-CHAN !!
YOUR NEXT APPEAR-ANCE IS SET!
IT'S HOLLY-WOOD! HOLLY-WOOD!!
WHAT KIND OF MOVIE ...?

A FORMER BOXING CHAMPION, FEELING ANXIETY OVER HIS WEAKENING BODY, IS CHEERED UP BY AN ANDROID FROM THE FUTURE WHO IS WORKING WITH A POLICE DETECTIVE TO SOLVE THE CASE THAT THEY GET WRAPPED UP IN AT THE END.
THEY TAKE A JOURNEY TO AN UNEXPLORED AREA, SEEKING THE LEGENDARY PROTEIN OF ETERNAL YOUTH AND LONGEVITY THAT IS HIDDEN THERE. THAT IS THE STORY!!
KEN-CHAN IS THE BEAUTIFUL YOUNG GIRL BOXER, THE DETECTIVE'S DAUGHTER, AND BEAUTIFUL YOUNG GIRL ANDROID, AS WELL AS A BEAUTIFUL GIRL IN THE UNEXPLORED REGION —— YOUR ROUGH
LISTEN UP, KEN-CHAN!! WE'RE AIMING FOR THE OSCAR FOR BEST ACTRESS!!
OSCAR WINNING ACTRESS' STAR
CAN SOMEONE WIN AN OSCAR FOR A MOVIE LIKE THAT?!
WE'LL WIN A RASPBERRY PRIZE!
AND I'M NOT AN ACTRESS !!

Aim for the top, Neuschwanstein Sakurako!!

Fight, Shurutsu Kenichi!!

The Brocken Bloodline's fight continues on.

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